

SAC, Birmingham

March 20, 1956

Director, FBI

NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Recently there has been considerable publicity in Washington, D. C., newspapers concerning the activities of Asa Carter in connection with the captioned organization.

You are instructed to advise the Bureau promptly of the exact status of this organization in relation to organizations about which you have previously furnished information. From information available it appears that the North Alabama Citizens Councils is a coordinating group having several former pro-segregation groups. In the event the captioned organization is autonomous a separate case should be opened and a report submitted in the near future.

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Carter Group Hears Plea For Gov. Folsom Ouster

By JAMES Y. NEWTON
Star Staff Correspondent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 10.—Ace Carter, husky, youthful leader of the pro-segregationist North Alabama Citizens' Councils, has presented his program for "solving" race problems hereabouts. First step would be the ouster of Alabama's Gov. James E. "Big Jim" Folsom.

A radio commentator turned filling station operator, Mr. Carter began circulation at a white citizens' rally last night of petitions calling on the State House of Representatives to start impeachment proceedings against the Governor.

The petitions accused Mr. Folsom of "corruption," failing to "respect and enforce" State segregation laws, and of "con-ning" with persons who have sought admission to the University of Alabama of Autherine J. Lucy, 26-year-old Negro.

Lucy Lawyers Stir New Tension

News that Miss Lucy's lawyers had asked the Federal District Court here to order the re-admission of the coed to the university next September stirred new race tensions and provided the Carter group with ammunition.

She has been expelled from the college for making admittedly unsubstantiated charges that university officials "conspired" to foment the rioting last month that drove Miss Lucy from the Tuscaloosa campus.

Mr. Carter addressed a gathering of 4,000 at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium. The crowd was considerably short of the 15,000 he had predicted would attend. But it shouted approval of the fire and brimstone speech the council's head made. On the wall behind him hung a 30-day-20-foot Confederate flag.

Admiral Crommelin Speaks

Featured as a speaker along with Mr. Carter was Rear Admiral John H. Crommelin, retired, who led the "admirals' revolt" against the Air Force in Washington a few years ago. Admiral Crommelin is opposing Senator Lister Hill in the Democratic primary in April.

Although police had been concerned about possibility of violence at the rally, there was only one incident. It was provided by a neecher.

Mr. Carter said both the Federal and State governments had been taken over by "God-hating Communists and atheists." He said "the white man has been sold out" by Gov. Folsom, the two Alabama Senators, by the nine members of the Supreme Court, whom he denounced one by one, and others.

Every time he would mention another official, a pink-faced little man with snow-white hair would rise and shout:

"What about Eisenhower?"

Finally He's Put Out

Ace, who never mentioned the President, took this for quite a while before he gave the order: "Throw him out."

Some of the Carter huskies gathered around the little man who, by that time, seemed quite happy to leave.

Ace told the appreciative audience the integration move must be met head-on and now.

"If I sit down on a bus by a Negro," he said, "the next day his son will sit down beside my daughter and then we will have mongrelization of the race. If we have mongrelization of the race, our children will be in yokes and chains. . . . They picked Alabama and our children for this mongrelization plot."

Mr. Carter said at one point, "If we chose to fight the colored man it would all be over in one day." But, he added, "the white man does not choose violence." Later he shouted:

"We don't want to pass the trouble on to our children. We want the trouble now. We're going to bring it on. We want to act now."

Would Use Jail

He said in addition to impeachment of the Governor, who has proposed a biracial commission to ease tensions, his "program" for solving race troubles provided for arrest and "jail for the first Negro who sets foot in a white school."

He said Federal officials, who think "laws are made at the top" must be made to realize "laws are made by the Crackers of Alabama."

Mr. Carter proposed further the setting up of bus and railroad depots at the State lines, so the Interstate Commerce Commission can't force whites and Negroes to sit together in Alabama.

Admiral Crommelin, member of a White Citizens Council at his home near Montgomery, made an impassioned plea for continuing segregation.

He said the white citizens of Alabama have no representation in the Senate and called for an organized effort to "overthrow the alien forces which have taken over our Government."

Hits Present Senators

Nothing, said the admiral, would give him greater pleasure than to "sit in the Senate with Herman Talmadge," former Governor of Georgia, who reportedly is planning to run against Senator George, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

"And I am going to make Lister Hill join the White Citizens Council or tell us why he won't join," he shouted amid cheers.

If elected, Admiral Crommelin said, he would demand an investigation of the justices of the Supreme Court who issued the school desegregation decree, and demand a congressional or Justice Department finding that the NAACP is a Communist-front organization.

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3 New Citizens Councils Are Organized In State

Three new White Citizens Councils were organized last night in the North Alabama area, according to Asa E. Carter, executive secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Councils.

Bringing to 32 the number of such groups in this area, organizational meetings were held last night in Homewood, Greenwood and Alabaster, Carter said.

Organizational meetings are usually held in private homes, with from 15 to 25 present.

Officers are elected at the organizational meeting and then the

North Alabama group, which serves to co-ordinate activities of the chapters, aids in setting up a rally to promote membership.

Each chairman of a chapter automatically becomes a member of the board of directors of the North Alabama Citizens Councils.

The stated purpose of the White Citizens Council is to promote "the cause of segregation, expose leftist or Communist forces behind integration, champion the rights of the sovereign states and inform the people of the facts pertinent to segregation and those parties opposing segregation."

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Admiral Crommelin on the Rostrum

Citizens Councils Ask Impeachment of Folsom

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 10 (UP)—A powerful White Citizens Council group petition today for the impeachment of Gov. James E. Folsom, charging he "connived" in the episode involving Negro coed Autherine Lucy.

The impeachment drive was launched at a rally of 4000 members of the North Alabama Councils last night when copies of the petition were passed out among the shouting crowd.

"He is guilty of corruption in office . . . to have Autherine Lucy to enter the University of Alabama," the petition said.

The charge apparently grew from Gov. Folsom's denunciation of lawlessness which stemmed from the Negro's brief visit to the campus and from the Governor's failure at the time to proclaim his support of white supremacy.

WANTS A CONVENTION

Gov. Folsom could not be reached for comment. In a news conference earlier yesterday he said the racial flareup in his state "should be subjected to a state convention and brought to a head."

This approach contrasted with that of Rear Admiral John G. Crom-

melin (ret.) who as featured speaker told the cheering council rally, "We're going to defend segregation to the last ditch."

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Meanwhile, Miss Lucy's attorneys filed a motion in Federal District Court in Birmingham for her readmittance to the University of Alabama by next September.

Judge Hobart Grooms said he would set a hearing date later.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) & SAC-S BIRMINGHAM & MOBILE

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF
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On March 13, 1956, Colonel R. DELMAR, G-2, Headquarters, Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, made available a summary of information which he stated was obtained from a tape recording of a speech made by ACE CARTER, aka ASA CARTER, at a CITIZENS COUNCIL rally in Anniston, Alabama, on Saturday, February 25, 1956, between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m. Speech was made in the VFW Hall, and was broadcast over Radio Station WHMA, Anniston, Alabama. G-2 described CARTER as being editor of "THE SOUTHERNER."

G-2 report states CARTER's speech had three main themes:

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- (2) Communist-Inspired mongrelization of races through NAACP and Supreme Court
- (3) Moral Duty as Christians to Fight Integration of Races

The speech also had two minor themes:

- (1) Degrading of white soldiers who serve under "Negro Corporals and Sergeants in Armed Forces."
- (2) Degrading of teen-agers whose parents permit them to participate in Jungle be-bop mass dances.

Also taken from the speech was the following:
"We must stand up and set an example for all States of the Union. There is much at stake, there is too much at stake, our Christianity, our morals, and our children. We want a Governor who says publicly to every boy in Alabama: If you are in the Armed Forces, and serving under a Negro Corporal or a Negro Sergeant, and if you are being degraded and being forced to eat and sleep with them, you just come home and it will be alright." The G-2 report stated further that a possibility exists that pictures and material used in article on Ft. McClellan, Ala., in February 1956 issued of "THE SOUTHERNER" were obtained during visit of the so-called "BETTER CITIZENS CLUB" which may have been a forerunner of CITIZENS COUNCIL. Summary returned to G-2.

The above is furnished for informative purposes. RUC.

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NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet dated March 23, 1956.

The Bureau has no objection to the Mobile and Birmingham Offices contacting established reliable sources who are members of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for information regarding activities of citizens councils. However, contacts should be limited to those individuals known to be reliable. In the event your offices have no such contacts within the ADL no efforts should be made to obtain information from that organization but any data volunteered should be accepted.

2cc SAC, Birmingham

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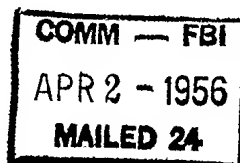
Information received by Mobile that ADL is compiling information regarding citizens councils. Our policy is that established reliable sources may be contacted for information concerning these organizations and it would appear that if such sources are members of ADL we could obtain information from that organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/23/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: ① NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS
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For the information of the Bureau and Birmingham, Reverend ROBERT L. HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council of Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA [redacted] on 3/16/56 that the Anti Defamation League (ADL) of B'ham B'rith has recently been active in compiling information of a possible subversive nature concerning leaders of Citizens Councils. Reverend HUGHES stated that an acquaintance of his in Birmingham, Alabama, recently told him that the ADL had compiled and is considering publication of a documentary account of the organizational activity of ASA L. (ACB) SIMMER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Councils. HUGHES stated that he does not know any of the details of the document.

HUGHES stated that he has been told that the ADL has members planted in the Citizens Councils and would be glad to furnish information to the Bureau if desired, pointing out that ADL has chapters in Mobile and Birmingham.

The Birmingham Office may desire to contact the ADL in Birmingham with reference to ACE CAMER. However, no contact is planned with the ADL in Mobile concerning Citizens Councils UACB.

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Urges Dixie Ban On 'Rock and Roll'

White Council Chief Links It To NAACP, Swings at Jukes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(CP)—The pro-segregation battle in Alabama took a surprise swing to the juke boxes Thursday with the declaration by a white Citizens Council leader that "rock and roll" has got to go.

Asa "Ace" Carter, executive secretary of the North Alabama Council, told a rally that "rock and roll" music, the current rage of the teen-age set, was inspired by the NAACP and other pro-integration forces.

CARTER DISCLOSED the council is making a survey in Anniston, Ala., after which owners of drugstores and restaurants there will be asked to remove "rock and roll" records.

He indicated the council will publicize the name and store of anyone who refuses to ban the records.

Carter said not only must "rock and roll" be abolished from Alabama's juke boxes but any other records featuring Negro performers.

Carter said the music is an attempt to "destroy" the morals of America's young people.

FIRST REACTION indicated the council may face rough going.

A juke box distributor, J. L. Brown, of the Magic City Music Co. here, said "I am ready to go along with it if the others will. But I can't take any of the records out if others keep them."

Another, Harry Hurvich of the Birmingham Vending Co., said he considered Carter's proposal an invasion of the freedom of "liking what you want to."

Hurvich said he would not go along, and called the idea "ridiculous."

Both agreed that removing "rock and roll" would mean cleaning out the juke boxes of the top hits.

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From: Director, FBI (# 105-34237)
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Citizens Councils

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Reurlet 1-24-56 advising the White
Citizens Councils of Birmingham plan to
publish regularly a bulletin in the near
future. Please advise as to the status
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NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet March 28, 1956.

From information set forth in relet it appears that the captioned organization is coordinating the activities of numerous citizens councils situated in northern Alabama and therefore the activities of the captioned organization and its officers are of importance. You are instructed to submit reports on the North Alabama Citizens Councils showing the efforts of that coordinating group in connection with the over-all segregation situation. You are reminded that no investigation should be conducted without prior Bureau authority and that your inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

A report should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than thirty days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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Rebulet to Birmingham dated March 20, 1956.

Reference is also made to Birmingham letter to Bureau dated March 15, 1956, in the case entitled "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X." This letter advised that the Birmingham Office had opened 35 separate files on Citizens Councils in the Birmingham area. A list of these individual files and the Birmingham file numbers were set forth. It is noted that all of these 35 Citizens Councils are under the general supervision of the North Alabama Citizens Council, a coordinating organization operated and controlled by ASA CARTER. There is no indication or information that the North Alabama Citizens Council is a group which contains several former pro-segregation groups.

ASA CARTER has rented office space in the Lyric Building in Birmingham and is actively engaged as Executive Secretary in organizing new Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama and more or less supervising same out of the Lyric Building office. ASA CARTER is assisted by [redacted] in organizing and supervising the various Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama affiliated with his organization. It is noted that there is another entirely separate organization known as the Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama. Mobile letter to the Bureau dated March 13, 1956, in the case entitled "ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X" sets forth information concerning this group. Recently, there has been some criticism by local columnists in the Birmingham papers concerning the fact that ASA CARTER has included a clause in the Constitution of the North Alabama Citizens Councils which tends to bar anyone from membership who does not believe in the divinity of Christ. It will be noted that the case entitled "AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC., INTERNAL SECURITY - X", Birmingham origin, contains quite a bit of information concerning ASA CARTER.

In view of the fact that a separate file is being maintained on each of the North Alabama Citizens Councils and separate reports are being submitted, a separate file will not be opened and a report will not be submitted on the North Alabama Citizens Councils in view of the above reason.

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Reurlet dated April 5, 1956, under the caption "Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movements, IS - X," which enclosed one copy of the March, 1956, Volume 1, Number 2 issue of the publication "The Southerner."

It is requested that your office make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of this publication and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section. This publication should be handled in accordance with the instructions contained in SAC Letter Number 54-74 dated December 28, 1954.

Also, your office should continue its efforts to obtain two copies of the Volume 1, Number 1 issue of this publication and one additional copy of the March, 1956, issue.

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Remylet 1/24/56.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of "The Southerner,"
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[redacted] of unknown reliability, made this copy available and is endeavoring to secure another copy as well as several copies of Vol. 1 No. 1. In the event Birmingham obtains these copies they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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"The Southerner" is a publication of the North Alabama Citizens Councils, headed by ASA "ACE" CAREER, Executive Secretary of the councils and editor of "The Southerner." It is in no way connected with the Citizens Councils of Alabama with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala. This latter group is controlled by Dr. JOHN H. WHITELEY of Tarrant City, Ala., and State Senator SAM FUGELHARDT of Macon County, Ala.

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Synopsis:

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, formerly known as North Alabama Citizens Council, organized by ASA CARTER and JOHN H. WHITLEY, druggist of Tarrant, Ala., on 11/12/55. CARTER was elected Executive Secretary and proceeded to organize local citizens councils in North Alabama. Subsequently, JOHN H. WHITLEY was elected Chairman of Citizens Council of Alabama, a separate organization formed on 2/17/56 at Montgomery, Ala., and according to press reports is opposed to captioned group. Six members of ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL attacked singer NAT "KING" COLE on stage of Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala., 4/10/56. [REDACTED] ASA CARTER, has started a defense fund for these six individuals, four of whom have been convicted in Records Court, Birmingham, and two have been bound over to the Grand Jury.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the correct name of the organization as the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, as reflected in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS,

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a daily newspaper. It is noted the name of this organization was formerly North Alabama Citizens Council.

At Birmingham, Alabama

According to information in THE SOUTHERNER, a publication issued by the North Alabama Citizens Council, in its issue for February, 1956, captioned organization originated on November 12, 1955, at a meeting held in Tarrant, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham. According to this publication, ASA CARTER presided over this meeting, at which time a council was formed electing Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant druggist, as Chairman; [redacted], [redacted] as Vice-Chairman; and [redacted] [redacted] a [redacted] as Secretary-Treasurer. At this same meeting, according to THE SOUTHERNER, a North Alabama Citizens Council office was planned with ASA CARTER elected Executive Secretary. b6 b7C

Following is an excerpt from this publication:

"At the first public rally, held at Tarrant's City Hall, over 500 people were in attendance to hear Judge Hugh Locke and ASA Carter on the speaker's stand. A large number of people were signed that night as members of the Tarrant City Council. A second rally was staged in Tarrant on November 19, 1955, as Judge Locke and Mr. Carter appeared before a packed house. And again, on January 7th, 1956, a public meeting at the Tarrant Recreation Center heard the featured speaker, State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, as he disclosed news on the Montgomery bus boycott, and discussed Council activity in South Alabama."

This same issue of THE SOUTHERNER stated that ASA CARTER helped organize new citizens councils at East Lake, a residential section of Birmingham, and also in the community of Central Park.

The February, 1956, issue of THE SOUTHERNER concluded as follows: "As we begin publication of this magazine, Councils are planned in Bessemer, in Oneonta, in Fultondale, and other communities over North Alabama. If you as a citizen, desire a Council in your community, simply contact the North Alabama Exec.

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Sec., Ace Carter by phone at 7-2596 or write him: P.O. Box 61, Birmingham, Alabama. You will be given full assistance. As you will notice by the officers of Councils already listed, your occupation or economic status is of no consequence. You need only to wish to fight for segregation in a group of your fellowmen from your community. The proceeds obtained through sales of THE SOUTHERNER, is to establish within two weeks, a permanent office in Birmingham, of the North Alabama Citizens Council where our work can be correlated and carried on in an orderly manner; from which EVERY Council member may obtain the necessary information and facts to aid him and his, in fighting for his children. THE SOUTHERNER at this time is a monthly publication, but we hope soon, to make it a bi-monthly, for the additional service it can render each member."

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS, a daily newspaper, in its edition of February 21, 1956, carried an article entitled, "Three New White Citizens Councils Organized in State." This article stated that new councils had been organized in Homewood, Greenwood and Alabaster, according to ASA CARTER, who was listed as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council. The article quoted CARTER as stating that the organization of these three latest councils brought to 32 the number of such groups in the area. CARTER stated, according to this article, that officers are elected at the organizational meeting and subsequently the North Alabama Citizens Council, which serves "to coordinate activities of the chapters" aided in setting up a rally to promote membership. CARTER was further quoted as saying that each Chairman of a local chapter automatically became a member of the Board of Directors of the North Alabama Citizens Council. This article advised that the stated purpose of the White Citizens Council "is to promote the cause of segregation, expose leftists or Communist forces behind integration, champion the rights of sovereign states and inform the people of the facts pertinent to segregation and those parties opposing segregation."

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According to the BIRMINGHAM NEWS of March 5, 1956, leaders of the Association of Citizens Councils of Montgomery, Alabama, accused the leaders of the North Alabama Citizens Council of being "anti-Semitic". According to this article, officers of the latter strike back at the former with "charges that they are controlled by politicians." ASA CARTER was quoted as saying that the "North Alabama unit requires its

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members to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, but denied it is anti-Semitic."

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS in its issue of March 10, 1956, carried a two column, front page article, Governor Under Fire - OUST FOLSOM, COUNCIL RALLY SPEAKER URGES." This article indicated that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of March 9, 1956, at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by about 3000 persons. ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council, made an hour and a half speech to the group, the high point of which was the circulation of a petition calling for the impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM of Alabama. CARTER charged that FOLSOM had failed to uphold segregation laws and had not followed the State Constitution as he had taken an oath to do. CARTER criticized each of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court individually and charged that a large number of officers of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE have been active in Communist front organizations. CARTER stated, according to this article, that segregation would be settled within two years, one way or the other. He pointed out that Alabama needed a governor that would say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who set foot in the white schools of Alabama would be put in jail; and also say to the Federal Judge that if he connives with the NAACP to put Negroes in the schools he, the governor, would put him in jail also.

Further information in this newspaper article pertained to Rear Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, U. S. Navy Retired, who is a candidate for United States Senator from Alabama. CROMMELIN told the group at the above mentioned Council rally that he recognized the fact that the White Citizens Council could not endorse any candidate for public office, but added that as a candidate for public office he could endorse the White Citizens Council. He further stated he was going to make his opponent, Senator LISTER HILL, join the White Citizens Council or tell the voters why he will not. CROMMELIN indicated that Alabama is run by one of the most vicious political machines in its history. He called for a bloodless revolution to overthrow the alien forces that have seized the government. He promised his audience that if elected to the Senate he would demand an investigation of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court who made the 1954 anti-segregation ruling and that he would also introduce a bill to have the NAACP investigated for Communist affiliations.

According to the March 12, 1956, issue of SOUTH, a magazine published at Birmingham, Alabama, the Citizens Councils of Alabama, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama, repudiated the efforts of the North Alabama Citizens Council to "inject a religious issue into the segregation preservation movement and announced that a group lead by ASA CARTER, Birmingham filling station operator and former radio announcer, is neither affiliated with nor recognized by the statewide organization". This article quoted Alabama State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Shorter, Alabama, the Executive Secretary of the Association of Citizens Councils, as stating that his group is not interested in "religious, bias or prejudice." ENGELHARDT allegedly stated, "We are concerned only with maintaining segregation by legal and peaceful means. Our membership includes Catholics and Jews. Our rolls are open to white people of all religious beliefs who hold with us that our segregation policy must be maintained in the best interests of both races."

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The above article indicated that Columnist JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES of the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD criticized the North Alabama Citizens Council for limiting membership to persons who believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. GRAVES allegedly called this provision "a prime example of what a citizens council should not be." He was further quoted as stating that "The alleged council requiring it is no council but a klan." The article said that Senator ENGELHARDT in repudiating ASA CARTER stated, "We are a non-profit, non-political organization, dedicated solely to the maintenance of segregation. We are not interested in promoting anybody's personal or political ambitions. For the protection of our members we have chosen an outstanding banker as our Treasurer, and all expenditures must go through him. We will not engage in any intemperate action calculated to jeopardize the great objective for which we fight. We reject the methods of the demagogues, the extremists and the opportunists. Our course is charted and we will not be diverted by extraneous outside issues and isms. We are for segregation, period. Those who seek to lead our citizens down blind paths by injecting issues that have no place in an all-out pro-segregation battle are surely playing straight into the hands of the NAACP and other enemies of Alabama and the South, and thus multiplying our problem and weakening our position."

The February 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER, a daily newspaper of Mobile, Alabama, reflected the formation

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of the Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama, to work with County Councils in the preservation of racial segregation. This article reflected that the statewide organization was formed at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 17, 1956, with Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City, Alabama, druggist, elected Chairman, and State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., of Macon County, Alabama, elected Executive Secretary, State Headquarters to be in Montgomery, Alabama.

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS for April 9, 1956, carried an article entitled, "BEE-BOP, NEGRO MUSIC UNDER COUNCILS ATTACK." This article stated that committees from the North Alabama Citizens Council have "declared war on bee-bop and Negro music, which they say contributes to the moral degradation of children and serves the cause of integration." This article indicated that the 73 local citizens councils, affiliated with the North Alabama Citizens Council, planned to completely support this movement. ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council, was quoted as saying that representative of the 73 local councils, many of whom traveled long distances, met in the offices of the North Alabama Citizens Council in the Lyric Building Saturday, April 7, 1956, to plan action against Negro music. The article further stated, "The group said they planned to contact persons in the Birmingham area responsible for the playing in public of bee-bop and Negro music. They will protest the use of such music on radio or in public gatherings."

Birmingham Television Station WBRC-TV interrupted its 9:30 p.m. program on April 10, 1956, and announced that NAT "KING" COLE, prominent Negro band leader, who was appearing at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium, had been attacked and thrown to the floor by three white men. Reporter [redacted] of WBRC-TV, was an eye-witness to the attack on COLE. He stated on a broadcast at 11:00 p.m. on WBRC-TV, April 10, 1956, that COLE was singing his third song to an all-white audience of about 3000 at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium when he was assaulted. [redacted] stated that about eight men rushed toward the stage, but only three actually mounted the stage and seized COLE. He said the microphone was knocked from COLE'S hand and COLE was thrown to the floor. [redacted] quoted a Birmingham policeman as saying that "fists flew." According to [redacted], Birmingham police officers were only a few seconds behind the three attackers.

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Birmingham Policeman [redacted], age 36, was slugged and his nose broken, and Detective [redacted]'S glasses were broken. [redacted] said that COLE then left the stage accompanied by Birmingham Police, and reappeared shortly when the audience applauded and called for him. COLE made a short statement indicating his back was hurt and that he could not finish his show. He said he had performed in Mobile, Alabama, the previous night and had had no trouble; that he was born in Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] said he talked to a leader of a citizens council in Birmingham on the day of the attack, whom he did not name, and asked this leader if the council planned any action against COLE'S performance. The leader told [redacted] that no action was planned, but that he would suggest that reporters be present with cameras.

Detective [redacted], Birmingham Police Department, advised on the night of April 10, 1956, that the Birmingham Police Department had arrested three white men in connection with the attack on COLE, as follows: [redacted], Birmingham; [redacted], Anniston, Alabama; and [redacted], Anniston, Alabama. [redacted] advised that these three individuals were being held by the Birmingham Police Department, but no charges had been placed at that time. [redacted] stated he was of the opinion they would be charged with inciting a riot or assault with intent to murder, or both. He said the Birmingham Police Department was attempting to locate five other individuals, all believed from Anniston, Alabama, who were with the above three individuals at the auditorium. These men, according to [redacted], were [redacted], [redacted], a young man named [redacted], about 15 years of age, whose first name was unknown, and a man named [redacted] whose first name was unknown, about 20 years of age. [redacted] said that apparently all of the individuals, except [redacted], came from Anniston to Birmingham to cause trouble at the performance.

According to an article in the ANNISTON STAR, a daily newspaper of Anniston, Alabama, [redacted] is a member of the Board of Directors of the White Citizens Council of Anniston, Alabama, which council is affiliated with the North Alabama Citizens Council, of which ASA CARTER is Executive Secretary; that [redacted] is Chairman of the Citizens Council at Anniston.

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SA [] advised on April 11, 1956, that he recalls that during the first part of February, 1956, [] assaulted a Negro Government employee with a rock on [] property, which is about 100 feet from a Government reservation where the Negro worked. According to [] the man was hospitalized, but recovered and has returned to work. SA [] also recalls that during the Summer of 1954, [] assaulted a white man at a baseball game at Lincoln, Alabama, with a baseball bat, and after several months of hospitalization the man finally recovered.

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Anniston Police Department, Anniston, Alabama, advised on April 11, 1956, that [] has a lengthy arrest record at Anniston, including assault and battery in 1940, discharging firearms in city, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, resisting an officer, and two cases of transporting in violation of the prohibition law. In 1953, [] with [] were charged with assault with intent to murder and robbery. A jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault and battery and recommended a fine of \$100. The presiding judge added a suspended sentence of six months and both were placed on probation for one year. Captain [] advised that [] mentioned above, is actually [], age 23, and is a resident of Calhoun County, Alabama. In February, 1950, [] paid a \$5 fine for failure to have driver's license. Captain [] said that [], sometimes known as [], was arrested February 20, 1950, on the charge of failure to have proper driver's license and paid a fine of \$5 and costs. Captain [] advised that [] and [] are [], the [] of [], who lives in the general vicinity of [] in Calhoun County. [] said that [] Anniston, was arrested September 30, 1954, for speeding and fined \$5 and costs. Captain [] also advised that [], is well known to him and it is the consensus of opinion of Calhoun County Officers that [] is considerably below average in mentality. [] said that Anniston Police Department records reflect that [] has been arrested for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, reckless driving and two cases of assault and battery. In October, 1953, [] paid a fine of \$104.85 for assault and battery, and in January, 1954, he paid \$25 fine for assault. [] was also arrested February 4, 1952, for reckless driving and fined \$25 and costs. He was arrested on April 18, 1954,

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for switching license plates and fined \$5 and costs.

According to the afternoon edition of the BIRMINGHAM NEWS on April 11, 1956, [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested outside the Municipal Auditorium in an automobile; that under the front seat of this automobile Birmingham Police Officers found brass knucks, a homemade blackjack and two .22 cal. rifles loaded with long-range, hollow-point cartridges. Detectives were quoted as stating the car was owned by some of the men, above mentioned, from Anniston. This article stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] denied they intended to use the weapons. They said they were hunters and kept the guns in the car for hunting purposes. According to the BIRMINGHAM NEWS, the Anniston men said no white citizens council was behind their plan to break up the performance. Police were quoted as stating that some of the arrested men sought to get to the Auditorium microphone to make an appeal for segregation. They said the group appeared to have no leader, although it had been agreed that [redacted] would make the first move. This article said that before the attack on COLE, an usher heard one of the men say, "Let's go get that coon."

The BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD for April 12, 1956, carried a front page article entitled, "POLICE REPORT PLOT FOR MOB TO ATTACK COLE." This article stated that four of the men arrested in connection with the attack on COLE would be tried in Recorders Court, Birmingham, 1:30 p.m., April 13, 1956. These four men were listed as follows: [redacted] all of Anniston, Alabama, and charged with conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor and disorderly conduct, and [redacted] Birmingham, charged with loitering and disorderly conduct. [redacted] and [redacted], both of Anniston, were transferred to Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, on the charge of assault with intent to murder. All six men were released on bond: [redacted] and [redacted] under \$1000 bond; [redacted] \$75; [redacted] \$100; [redacted] \$50 and [redacted] \$100. According to the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, Birmingham Detectives questioned the above men. The men told the detectives they expected a 100 man mob, with recruits from Anniston, Piedmont, Bessemer and the Birmingham area to come to the Municipal Auditorium where COLE was singing. These men planned to attack COLE, according to the newspaper, and overpower members of the orchestra, police or anyone else.

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The POST-HERALD further quoted Birmingham Detectives to the effect that [REDACTED] was the man who charged on to the stage over the footlights and attempted a flying tackle at COLE.

Lt. [REDACTED], Birmingham Police Department, said he took two shotgun shells from the pockets of [REDACTED], when the latter was arrested near the Municipal Auditorium. [REDACTED] was quoted by the BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD as saying he attended the NAT "KING" COLE show, "not for entertainment, but to gather ammunition for the campaign for the membership in the Alabama Citizens Council." It is noted that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of THE SOUTHERNER a North Alabama Citizens Council publication. The POST-HERALD also featured an article setting forth results of an interview with ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizens Council. CARTER stated that [REDACTED], Anniston, was attending the NAT "KING" COLE concert in order to monitor it for "rock and roll", content for the Citizens Council. CARTER explained that members of the Citizens Council have been attending "rock and roll" sessions to find out "What is what." He said he, [REDACTED], became angry when a Negro knocked [REDACTED] camera from his hand when he attempted to take a picture of COLE. CARTER explained that the Citizens Council (North ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL) does not condone violence, but "I can understand when a man has become outraged and wants to take individual action. I think this has all been played out of proportion. It is nothing more than that a fellow got mad and took a swing at a Negro."

According to press reports, April 12, 1956, Birmingham, State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, issued a statement deploring the attack on COLE. He was quoted as follows: "If we find any members like these in the Council of Alabama, they will be thrown out as provided for by the Constitution of this organization. I would also like to point out that these men involved in the affair are not members of any unit of the Citizens Council of Alabama. I have pointed out before that we do not recognize any unit of the North Alabama Citizens Council. We are going to settle this problem peacefully and in an orderly manner. This is a very serious complaint. I would like to caution the people of North Alabama about joining the wrong citizens council. By all means check your leadership in each County."

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According to local press reports in Birmingham on April 18, 1956, four of the above mentioned men who attacked COLE were given maximum penalties. Recorder Judge RALPH E. PARKER fined [redacted] and [redacted] \$100 each, and sentenced them to 180 days in jail. [redacted] was found guilty of engaging in a conspiracy to commit an assault and battery. [redacted] was found guilty of the same and in addition was fined \$25 and costs for possessing concealed weapon. [redacted] was convicted of disorderly conduct in refusing to obey an officer. He was fined an additional \$10 and costs on the latter charge. [redacted] was convicted of engaging in a conspiracy to commit an assault. Before passing sentence, Judge PARKER complimented the conduct of COLE by saying, "He has observed our customs, tradition and laws, and his conduct was such as to win him new friends in the South." Judge PARKER said the attack on COLE could have easily resulted in a tragedy and that statements attributed to [redacted] and introduced as evidence were "profane and rabble-rousing."

City Attorney CHARLES H. BROWN was quoted as saying, "I feel some mind behind this had more to do with it than any of these defendants."

According to Birmingham newspapers on April 20, 1956, [redacted] and [redacted], charged with assault with intent to murder after the attack on NAT "KING" COLE, waived preliminary hearing. These cases were bound over for Grand Jury action during the first part of May, 1956. Charges against [redacted] and [redacted] would carry punishment from two to twenty years.

[redacted], Reporter for the BIRMINGHAM NEWS, made available on April 23, 1956, a mimeographed throw-away sheet which he received through the mail. The circular was undated and was headed, "White People's Defense Fund, Post Office Box 414, Birmingham, Alabama." The circular was signed, [redacted], and had a footnote as follows: "The first project of the White People's Defense Fund is to defend the six men who stopped NAT "KING" COLE from singing at the Auditorium in Birmingham." A portion of this circular is as follows: "As you probably know, the racial situation in the South is getting worse by the minute. The NAACP with its millions of dollars is pushing for full integration of your children and mine with those of the Negro race. The time is drawing close at hand when each white man and woman in the South will be faced with a decision to make in regard to the future of their children. Our

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elected official are deserting us on every front. For now, as the very lives of our children are in danger from the coming black plague, they offer to us a three way school system. This means that our so-called leaders in public office are now saying to the Supreme Court and the NAACP that they may have our children. Not all at once of course, but gradually."

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BIRMINGHAM

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report the activity of the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, formerly known as the North Alabama Citizens Council.

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At Mobile, Alabama

Will follow and report the activity of any local citizens councils organized in the Mobile territory under the auspices of the Alabama Citizens Council, of which ASA CARTER is Executive Secretary.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Birmingham, 4/6/56.
Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 4/16/56, in the case entitled, "RACIAL SITUATION, Birmingham, Alabama."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/4/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Rerep SA [REDACTED], 4/24/56, Birmingham.

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This is to advise that to date no information has been developed reflecting the existence of a citizens council in the Mobile Division territory affiliated with subject organization.

For the information of the Bureau and Birmingham, on 4/28/56 literature put out by subject organization was distributed at Selma, Ala., apparently in connection with the election which was forthcoming. SA HARLAN C. FLINNER on the morning of 4/28/56 found in his yard one copy of "The Southerner", March, 1956, which publication is put out by subject organization. Also found with the copy of "The Southerner" were the following:

(1) One sheet throwaway printed on front and back, urging support for JOHN G. CROMMELIN and opposing LISTER HILL for the U.S. Senate.

(2) Four page mimeograph captioned "White People's Defense Fund", P.O. Box 1114, Birmingham, Ala., urging defense of the six men involved in the attack on NAT KING COLE in a Birmingham auditorium recently. At the bottom of the last page it is indicated that this is published and backed by the Alabama Citizens Council, 517 Lyric Bldg., Birmingham, ALA. CARTER, Executive Secretary.

(3) Three page mimeograph put out by subject organization and urging support of certain pro-segregationalist candidates in the election which was forthcoming.

These items are retained in the Mobile Office file as it is presumed that sufficient copies have been made available to Birmingham. RUC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 5/4/56

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED], 4/24/56, Birmingham.

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The Bureau and Mobile are requested to make the following changes in their copies of captioned report.

On page 1, the character of the case should be INTERNAL SECURITY - X instead of INTERNAL SECURITY.

On page 3, second paragraph, line 16, the phrase "the state purpose" should read "the stated purpose".

On page 7, second paragraph, line 7, last word "not" should read "no".

On page 10, second paragraph, penultimate line, word "man" should be "mad".

On page 12, last sentence, word "no", should read "not".

Birmingham copies of this report have been changed accordingly. These errors of form have been called to the attention of the responsible employees and will be considered in the next performance ratings.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/9/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL,
aka. North Alabama Citizens Council
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Remymemo 5/4/56 to Bureau and Birmingham.

On 5/3/56 Ala. State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, IS-X, (Mofile 105-121, Bufile 105-33955) voluntarily contacted SA [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama, and furnished the following:

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1. Mimeographed leaflet captioned "WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND, POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," addressed "Dear Fellow American:", and signed "Sincerely, [redacted];" which sets forth a series of statements warning of the immediate danger of integration in public schools, and of the possibility of white people being arrested and taken to court for "protecting your children." The leaflet also contains statements concerning the NAT "KING" COLE incident in Birmingham, and solicits cash contributions for the defense of the white people who have been charged with attacking COLE. On the reverse side, several statements appear condemning COLE as a "vicious agitator for integration," and other statements criticizing Senator ENGLEHARDT for inviting COLE back to Alabama, and for guaranteeing him that he will receive protection and a welcome.

2. Photostat of a mimeographed leaflet beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, 'GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM;'" and signed "ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC. ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL." This leaflet defends the actions of the persons who attacked COLE, and states that the "integrationist" press in Birmingham unfairly emphasizes such things as the COLE incident, while it "plays down" such things as rapes of white women by Negroes. On the reverse side, this

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To: Director, FBI

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leaflet attacks Senator ENGLEHARDT and his Citizens Council group, refers to [redacted] of the University of Alabama as "integrationist planner," and to U. S. Senator LISTER HILL as "vicious integrationist," and "key man in Alabama's mongrelizing machine of politics," with a "traitorous record toward the South." This leaflet outlines the program of the "Alabama Citizens Council" and of ACE CARTER as follows:

"Invite" NAT "KING" COLE on a fast boat to Africa;
Petition for impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM;
Destroy Jefferson County's "Interracial Committee"
(accomplished, according to the leaflet);
Stop integration of the Boy Scouts (also accomplished);
Campaign against "animalistic" Negro music being
hand-fed to our children; and
Publish the "facts" on candidates.

Senator ENGLEHARDT said that he believed that ACE CARTER and his group should be investigated as a "dangerous" organization. He regards the above literature as "false and incendiary." He said that any information he receives pertaining to their activities will be furnished to the Bureau.

Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund." Senator ENGLEHARDT said that [redacted] is the [redacted] of ASA E. (ACE) CARTER. He said that Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Druggist at Tarrant City, Ala., who is Chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told ENGLEHARDT that the funds collected by the "White People's Defense Fund" have been diverted by the CARTERS to their own use, and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the U. S. Mails have been used in distributing the leaflets, since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama

Senator ENGLEHARDT said that the Birmingham Office can obtain any information necessary from Dr. WHITLEY, and from

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[redacted] of the Star Publishing Co., 415 21st St., Ensley, Ala., concerning ACE CARTER's group, without fear of any publicity arising from the investigation. Senator ENGLEHARDT said that he understands fully the need for maintaining in confidence the fact of any FBI investigation, in order that the investigation be successful, and to protect innocent persons.

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Photostat of each of these two leaflets is enclosed for Bureau and Birmingham.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: (1) Mimeographed leaflet captioned
(2) "WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND,
POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA."

(1) Photostat of mimeographed leaflet
beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S
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WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND
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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

DEAR FELLOW AMERICAN:

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE RACIAL SITUATION IN THE SOUTH IS GETTING WORSE BY THE MINUTE. THE NAACP, WITH ITS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS PUSHING FOR FULL INTEGRATION OF YOUR CHILDREN AND MINE WITH THOSE OF THE NEGRO RACE. THE TIME IS DRAWING CLOSE AT HAND WHEN EACH WHITE MAN AND WOMAN IN THE SOUTH WILL BE FACED WITH A DECISION TO MAKE IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN. OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE DESERTING US ON EVERY FRONT, FOR NOW, AS THE VERY LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN ARE IN DANGER FROM THE COMING BLACK PLAGUE, THEY OFFER TO US A "THREE DAY" SCHOOL SYSTEM. THIS MEANS THAT OUR SO CALLED LEADERS IN PUBLIC OFFICE ARE NOW SAYING TO THE SUPREME COURT AND THE NAACP THAT THEY MAY HAVE OUR CHILDREN, NOT ALL AT ONCE OF COURSE, BUT GRADUALLY.

REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU DO, THE TIME HAS COME TO ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION WE HAVE ALL BEEN HOPING AND PRAYING WE WOULD NEVER BE FORCED TO ANSWER. BUT NOW WE MUST ASK OURSELVES AS FATHERS AND MOTHERS, "WHAT WILL I DO WHEN THEY FORCE THE NEGROES INTO THE SCHOOLS WITH MY CHILDREN THIS FALL". THAT'S RIGHT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS FALL. THE NAACP HAS SELECTED FIVE WHITE SCHOOLS IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA ALONE IN WHICH THEY WILL ADMIT NEGROES THIS FALL. THINK OF THE TERRIBLE, UNBEARABLE SITUATION OUR CHILDREN WILL BE FACED WITH WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS UNLESS WE MAKE SOME KIND OF PREPARATIONS NOW. THE NAACP WITH ITS POWERFUL LEGAL ARM, SUPPORTED BY UNTOLD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, CAN HAVE AN INNOCENT MAN OR WOMAN BROUGHT INTO COURT THIS FALL, CAUSE THEM TO LOSE AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME FROM THEIR JOBS AND VERY POSSIBLY SUCCEED IN HAVING THEM SENT TO PRISON. I ASK YOU NOW TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU WERE FACED WITH SUCH A SITUATION. COULD YOU AFFORD TO LOSE TWO OR THREE MONTHS FROM YOUR JOB AND STILL PAY LAWYERS FEES, COURT COSTS, AND POSSIBLY A HEAVY FINE? IF YOU WERE SENT TO PRISON FOR PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN, WHO WOULD PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY WHILE YOU WERE GONE?

YOU MAY STILL BE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN TO YOU. IF YOU ARE, I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT YOU ARE IN A FINANCIAL POSITION TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOURSELF WHEN THE TIME COMES, FOR IT SURELY IS COMING. WE HAVE ONLY TO LOOK AT THE CASE OF THE SIX MEN WHO ARE NOW BEING BROUGHT TO TRIAL IN BIRMINGHAM FOR JUST PUSHING A NEGRO DOWN (NAT KING COLE) AT THE CITY AUDITORIUM. ALL THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE JUMPED ON THESE MEN WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TO GET THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO CONDEMN THEM, BUT I AM SURE YOU HAVE NOT READ IN THE PAPERS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO READ THE FACTS THAT THE NEGROES THEMSELVES STARTED THE TROUBLE AT THE AUDITORIUM BY KNOCKING A CAMERA FROM ONE OF THE MEN'S HANDS AND BREAKING IT. NOR HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO READ A SINGLE WORD ABOUT THE RECORD OF NAT KING COLE HIMSELF. HIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, HE HAS BEEN A VICIOUS MEMBER OF THE NAACP FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS WORKED IN MANY WAYS TO BRING ABOUT THE INTERGRATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT YOU AND I, AS WHITE, CHRISTIAN, FATHERS AND MOTHERS MUST BE PREPARED TO FACE OURSELVES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WITH THIS IN MIND WE HAVE FOUNDED THE WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND HERE IN BIRMINGHAM. THE MONEY TAKEN IN WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO DEFEND WHITE PEOPLE WHO ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR PROTECTING THEIR FAMILIES FROM INTEGRATION. WE HOPE THIS TO BE A PERMANENT FUND, THAT IT WILL GROW AND GROW, SO THAT WE AS WHITE PEOPLE CAN FINALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK TO FOR HELP WHEN WE ARE INVOLVED IN RACIAL TROUBLE. RIGHT NOW TODAY, ANY NEGRO IN AMERICA THAT GETS INTO TROUBLE WITH WHITE PEOPLE IS FURNISHED LAWYERS AND IS PAID BY THE POWERFUL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS WHILE HE IS ON TRIAL. THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE AS WHITE PEOPLE HAVE GOT TO START PREPARING FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. WE DO NOT LIKE TO ASK FOR MONEY ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION AROUND YOU TODAY AND ASK YOURSELF IF YOU CAN AFFORD NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION. THERE IS NO SET AMOUNT TO GIVE OF COURSE, A LOT OF MEN ARE SENDING IN ONE DOLLAR A WEEK, OTHERS ARE GIVING IN LUMP SUMS OF FIVE, TEN, TWENTY, FIFTY, AND HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. WE ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS SITUATION SINCERELY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO. IN REGARD TO THE AMOUNT, WE BELIEVE THAT IF EVERY MAN WOULD GIVE JUST FIVE DOLLARS THAT A FUND COULD BE BUILT THAT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REALLY OFFER HELP WHEN THE TIME COMES. IF FIVE DOLLARS SEEMS A LOT TO YOU, THINK OF IT AS COMPARED TO WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO PAY FOR LAWYERS FEES OR A FINE. WE HOPE YOU WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FRIENDS AND URGE THEM TO CONTRIBUTE ALSO.

A SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT HAS BEEN OPENED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING THE MONEY, THE TREASURER IS BONDED, AND THE BOOKS WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTION AT THE ADDRESS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER.

10/26/57 *W. J. Celestine*

SINCERELY,

***NOTE... THE FIRST PROJECT OF THE WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND IS TO DEFEND THE SIX MEN WHO STOPPED NAT KING COLE FROM SINGING AT THE AUDITORIUM IN BIRMINGHAM.

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Nat "King" Cole, has been pictured as a hero by the integrationist Birmingham News.

Nat "King" Cole, over a period of years has been a vicious agitator for integration of the negro with the White race. He is a "blockbuster," buying a home in an all-white neighborhood in California, and fighting court battles, forcing whites to accept him and his negro cohorts or move...most moved, losing most of their home investment, which was taken advantage of by more negroes.

Nat "King" Cole, forced himself upon an all-white hotel, the Viltmore, in Los Angeles, and demanded that they register him as the first negro in their history. Upon their refusal, Cole sued the hotel for a million dollars.

Nat Cole's arrogance is well known to those who have paid attention to his activities in the United States and foreign countries. He has been involved in several incidents with whites...but until the Birmingham incident, he has invariably emerged the victor. He has registered at many white hotels in the South. He is another of the blacks, dedicated to softening the attitude of our children; to slyly entertaining them in negroid fashion of innuendo and suggestion; to presenting himself to them in dominating appearance and conditioning their minds to the fact, that he, a black, is to be their ideal of romanticism and admiration. This constant parade of blacks who are given license to grunt and groan, and play before our white girls, is a deliberate plan; for as this parade continues, and the girls admiration for blacks grows, there is a very short step to the day when the white daughter presents herself for marriage, before the parents, with a black negro for a husband. WE CANNOT...WE MUST NOT WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE LOST OUR CHILDREN. WE MUST WAKE UP NOW, IF WE CALL OURSELVES WHITE MEN. IF WE HAVE AN OUNCE OF THE FIGHTING ANGLO-SAXON BLOOD LEFT IN OUR VEINS.

The Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama, headed by State Senator Sam Enlehardt has invited Nat "King" Cole back to Birmingham; "guaranteeing" him that he will receive protection and a "welcome"...if he wishes to play before our white children again. From a so-called, "Citizens Council" group, this sounds very strange, but when we consider that the group is dominated by politicians, with their twenty year record of doing handsprings for a pat on the head from the integrationists and their mongrelization promoting newspapers...we are not surprised...after all a politician needs good support from the newspapers...and seems to be getting it from the Birmingham News, and other integration papers who will and are selling the bodies of our children for the price of ads placed in their papers.

To those of us in the Alabama Citizens Councils or out of the Alabama Citizens Councils, who are sick at heart and indignant over the constant cramming of negroes down our throats...of the Ed Sullivan TV negro parade...of the constant praise heaped on every black head that lifts a finger or blurbles a thick lipped note of "music." We who fear for our children and our families in the dread of the attack from the NAACP and a hundred other organizations that we know is coming...and coming to the poor man first...we who sit in tight-lipped silence in our homes and receive the whispered word that at least three white women have been raped and ruined by blacks in the last two months in Birmingham alone...with the "newspapers" hiding the truth...we feel a bit of Southern proudness...Rebel, if you please, in the statement by Ace Carter, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Councils, when he stated that though the Alabama Citizens Councils do not condone violence and took no part in the Cole incident...he felt the "criminals" were those whites who promoted and made money from bringing the negroes to Birmingham...were the politicians, who winked their eye at our segregation laws and the laws of decency and principal...were the irresponsible whites who pay homage to a negro by attending and allowing their children to attend negroid performances. Mr. Carter stated that he can think of only one place to invite Nat "King" Cole...on a fast boat to Africa...and further...that if the wealthy Enlehardt or his "group" wants to invite negro Cole someplace, why not have him in THEIR town...or better still in their "wealthy" homes.

The April 18th edition of the Post-Herald carries a very small article stating that Nat "King" Cole has cancelled an appearance in Atlanta, declaring he would not appear there for "a million dollars." Upon being offered police protection by the Atlanta Police Chief, negro Cole said, "It's not a matter of police protection. Someone might try it again, even with a hundred policemen on hand."

GHOSTS of Jeb Stuart..."Stonewall" Jackson...Morgan's Raiders...the men of the South still live in their boldness and daring.....but how men? For how long to stem the atheistic, communistic plan of a mongrelized race of degraded, slave people.

LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, "GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM: PROPAGANDA IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL THE WORLD'S ARMIES."

HAVING READ THIS, WE CALLED IT TO MIND AT A RECENT CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING. THE OCCASION WAS A HEATED DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAS COME TO BE TERMED, "THE COLE INCIDENT." THE DISCUSSION WAS MARKED BY IMPASSIONED BEATINGS OF BREASTS BY WHITE MEN, IN REMORSE OVER THE "EMBARRASSEMENT" INFLICTED ON NEGRO NAT "KING" COLE. AS THE BLEATINGS ROSE IN CRESCENDO, WE HEARD A SCARCELY AUDIBLE, YET PIERCING QUESTION ASKED BY A REFINED, WHITE-HAIRED LADY. SHE WAS SHAKING HER HEAD IN SOMETHING OF SADNESS AND DISMAY..AND HER VOICE WAS TEARFUL WHEN SHE ASKED, "LORD, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE SOUTHERN WHITE MAN?"

WHAT HAS HAPPENED? THE WHITE MAN'S MIND IS NO LONGER HIS OWN. THE NEWSPAPERS CLAIM ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM, BUT HAVE FORSAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF A FREE PRESS; THAT OF PRESENTING THE TRUTH. THEIR SHEETS HAVE BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF PROPAGANDA..TO ATTAIN AN END..THE END OF THE ANGLO-SAXON, AS SUCH; THE CULMINATION OF THE ONE RACE, ONE PATERNAL GOVERNMENT IDEALOGY OF COMMUNISM.

WATCH CAREFULLY THE PLACEMENT OF NEWS; ITS PLAY-UP OR TONE-DOWN. THREE WHITE WOMEN, IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, HAVE BEEN RAPED AND HAD THEIR LIVES RUINED BY NEGROES, IN BIRMINGHAM AND AREA; BUT ONE MUST SEARCH THE BACK PAGES OF THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS AND KINDRED ILK PAPERS TO DISCOVER THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE MENTION OF THESE "INCIDENTAL" OCCURANCES.

A NEGRO IS SHOVED DOWN, AND HEADLINES BLAZON THE "SHAME" OF THE WHITE MAN FOR SUCH A "DASTARDLY" ACT. COLE'S VICIOUS INTEGRATION RECORD IS CAREFULLY HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC. HIS "BLOCKBUSTING" ACTIVITIES; HIS SUIT AGAINST A HOTEL TO FORCE INTEGRATION; HIS NAACP LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP, AND MORE. COLUMNISTS, PANTING FOR THE PATS OF APPROVAL OF THE LEFTIST HIERARCHY, TURN FLIPS OF SEMANTIC GYM-NASTICS AS THEY, WITH SERIOUS TOMES, LECTURE THE WHITE MAN, THE STANDARD-BEARER OF MORALS, OF FREEDOM..ON SUCH A "TERRIBLE" CALAMITY.

THE COLUMNISTS, AS IS HIS PAPER, IS SILENT OVER SUCH "INCIDENTALS" AS RUINATION OF WOMEN'S BODIES AND MINDS AND LIVES; OVER THE IRRESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS WHO ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN THE BAPTISM OF ANIMALISM AND NEGRO ADORATION ENCOMPASSED IN THE PLANNED NEGRO "PERFORMANCES," AND THE POLITICIANS WHO PERMIT AND SANCTION IT.

GEORGIA TECH STUDENTS "PROTEST" THE REQUEST TO BAR NEGRO FROM SPORTS INTERMINGLING, BUT A "MOB" WILD-EYED AND THIRSTING BLOODILY FOR "L V VIO LATION" "CHASTES" A NEGRO FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. THESE SO-CALLED EXAMPLES ARE BUT PEBBLES ON THE VAST BEACH OF PROPAGANDA. THE MANUEVERING OF PROPAGANDA IS PREVALENT IN OUR NEWSPAPERS OUR RADIO, OUR TELEVISION, OUR BOOKS..OUR NEWS WIRE SERVICES. THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE WHITE MAN..AND WOMAN, IN THE SOUTH..AND IN THE WORLD.

"GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS.."..THE PEOPLE WILL DO THE REST. THEY ARE DOING IT..TO THE SORROW, THE DOOM..OF A COMING GENERATION, A RACE, FREEDOM, AND CHRISTIANITY. WE MUST THINK SOBERLY IN THIS DAY OF HISTORY MAKING: FOR ONCE THE WRITING OF THE FINGER HAS DONE, IT IS TRUE..ALL OUR PIETY, WIT..AND TEARS, WILL NOT CHANGE IT. WE CANNOT CALL IT BACK.

THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS, HEADQUARTERED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT 517 LYRIC BUILDING, HAS COME UNDER VICIOUS, HARD HITTING ATTACK BY THE NEWSPAPERS. WE CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION; THEY ARE THE SAME NEWS-PAPERS WHO HAVE WORKED UNCEASINGLY FOR THE INTEGRATION OF YOUR AND MY CHILDREN WITH THE NEGRO. THE POLITICIAN'S CITIZENS COUNCIL, HEADED BY STATE SENATOR ENGLEHARDT, HEADQUARTERED IN MONTGOMERY, HAS RECEIVED PLAUDITS OF PRAISE FROM THIS SAME INTEGRATIONIST PRESS..WHY?

THE COMMUNISTS, THE NEGROES, THE RACE MONGRELIZERS, HAVE INNUMERABLE PRESSURE GROUPS. WITH THESE GROUPS, THEY HAVE FORCED THE POLITICIANS TO DO THEIR BIDDING..AND THE NEWSPAPERS TO BUILD THEM UP FOR DOING IT. THAT IS WHY WE FIND OURSELVES BACKED TO THE WALL TODAY. THE WHITE MAN IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALLOWED A PRESSURE ORGANIZATION. WERE A CITIZENS MOVEMENT TO REMAIN A CITIZENS MOVEMENT, IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE..THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE EXERTED UPON THE POLITICIAN FROM THE WHITE MAN, WOULD FORCE THE POLITICO TO TURN, AND ACTUALLY FIGHT THE INTEGRATION CONSPIRATORS..THAT, HE DREAMS ABOVE ALL ELSE..IT MIGHT MEAN HIS POLITICAL SUICIDE. THEREFORE, HE MUST CONTROL THE WHITE MAN'S MOVEMENT, TO KEEP THE PRESSURE FROM HIM..TO TURN THE SPEARHEAD OF ATTACK OF THE CITIZENS COUNCIL INTO A BLUNTED PROGRAM OF "MODERATION"..AND GRADUALISM. IN THIS, HE IS AIDED TREMENDOUSLY BY THE PRESS; FOR THEIR INTENT IS THAT THE INTEGRATIONISTS CARRY ON THEIR FULL-FLEDGED, UNABATED WAR; WHILE THE WHITE MAN IS FRUSTRATED WITH THE "MODERATION" LEADERSHIP OF FRIGHTENED POLITICIANS; MAKING OUR CHILDREN THE VICTIMS IN THEIR VICIOUS TWO CORNERED ACTIVITY.

(OVER PLEASE)

cc -

SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

May 9, 1956

Director, FBI (105-45763)

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.
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Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery
dated April 24, 1956.

In the next report submitted on the captioned organization you should include the names of all citizens councils affiliated with the captioned organization. It will not be necessary to include information concerning these councils inasmuch as such information will be included in reports submitted on the various councils; however, the names of these groups should be set out in order to show the scope of the captioned organization.

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

The report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450; and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

The information furnished you concerning the captioned organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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2cc - Director of Special Investigations (w/enclosure)
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
4th and Adams Drive, S.W.
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

2cc - Director of Naval Intelligence (W/Enclosure)
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Mr.

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

May 10, 1956

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ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - A

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

You may desire to review the contents of this report in detail in connection with the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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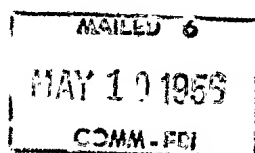
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Date: 5-11-56

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From SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

To: Director, FBI (105-45763)

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[redacted], of unknown reliability, advised on 5-9-56 that ACE CARTER, Executive Secretary of captioned group, accompanied by [redacted], went to Detroit approximately 5-3-56, for purpose of organizing a citizens council there. Informant indicated that after their return to Birmingham, ACE CARTER said that a citizens council was organized in Detroit and that he hoped to get 50,000 members. UACB the Detroit Office should immediately initiate discreet inquiries concerning this alleged organization in Detroit. These inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

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Date: May 23, 1956

To: Mr. D. M. Stephens
 Chief Postal Inspector
 Post Office Department
 Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
 INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one Photostat each of a leaflet captioned "White People's Defense Fund, Post Office Box 414, Birmingham, Alabama," in which the recipient is requested to contribute money for the defense of the white people charged with attacking Negro singer Nat "King" Cole and a leaflet signed by "Ace Carter, Exec. Sec., Alabama Citizens Council," in which the actions of the persons who attacked Cole are defended.

These leaflets were made available to the Mobile, Alabama, Office of this Bureau by Alabama State Senator Sam Englehardt on May 3, 1956. Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund," Senator Englehardt said that [redacted] is the [redacted] of Asa "Ace" Carter. He said that Dr. John Whitley, a druggist at Tarrant, Alabama, who is chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told him that the funds collected by the defense fund have been diverted by the Carters to their own use and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the United States mails have been used in distributing the leaflets since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama.

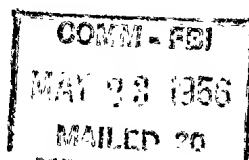
cc Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosures 2)
 William F. Tompkins (By Form O-6, same date)

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Letter to Mr. D. H. Stephens
Chief Postal Inspector

For your information Nat "King" Cole was attacked on April 10, 1956, by six white men while entertaining an all-white audience at the Birmingham, Alabama, Municipal Auditorium. Four of the assailants were sentenced to 180 days in jail and were fined and the remaining two have been indicted by the Jefferson County Grand Jury on charges of assault with intent to murder. No date has been set for their trials.

The above is being furnished you for your information.

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Date: May 24, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

This memorandum will confirm information furnished Major William M. LaJeunesse, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; Commander Kevin Hart, Office of Naval Intelligence; and Mr. Bernard O'Donnell, Counter Intelligence Division, Office of Special Investigations, by telephone on May 18, 1956, by Special Agents of this Bureau, D. J. Sullivan, [redacted] and J. J. Daunt, respectively.

A source of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office of this Bureau who is of unknown reliability advised on May 16, 1956, that the Alabama Citizens Council under the leadership of Asa "Ace" Carter planned to picket a "rock and roll" musical performance by Bill Haley and his orchestra at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium, May 20, 1956. This orchestra, all Negroes, was booked for two performances at the auditorium on that date.

According to the informant about twenty-five signs had been printed containing such captions as "Be-bop Must Breed Communism." The informant stated Carter planned to picket peacefully and permit no violence.

Information has now been received that approximately fifty men, believed to be members of the Alabama Citizens Council, peacefully picketed the musical performance at the auditorium on May 20, 1956. About twelve white teen-agers also intermingled with the above group, displaying placards reading "Long Live Be-bop." The group dispersed about thirty minutes after the performance started.

cc-Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

(By Form 0-6,
Same date)

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY

D.J. Sullivan notified ACSI; J.J. Daunt notified OSI; [redacted] notified ONI.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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cc Director of Naval Intelligence
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The Pentagon
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cc Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
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4th and Adams Drive, S. E.
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Date: May 16

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

To: Director, FBI (100-135-61)

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised today that Alabama Citizens Council under leadership of ASA "ACE" CARTER plans to picket a "rock and roll" musical performance at Municipal Auditorium 5/20/56. Informant advises that about 25 signs have already been printed, such as "Be-bop Music Breeds Communism." Informant states CARTER plans to picket peacefully and permit no violence.

Bill Haley and his orchestra, all Negroes, are booked for two performances at Municipal Auditorium 5/20/56.

Birmingham PD advised.

Bureau will be kept informed of developments.

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Don Sullivan advised
of above 4:33 pm 5/18/56.
He is notifying G-2.
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Major William H. LAJEUNESSE,
ACSI was advised of above 4:40
pm 5/18/56 by Sullivan Ckd

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

5:10 pm Jerry DAVANT
advised of above & will
notify OSI.

5:15 pm [redacted]
advised of above & will
notify OSI Ckd

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MR. BERNARD
O'DONNELL, Counter
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From SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-3080)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-61)

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Approximately 50 men believed to be members Alabama Citizens Council peacefully picketed "Rock and Roll" musical performance Birmingham Municipal Auditorium May 20, 1956.

About 12 white teenagers also intermingled with above group, displaying placards reading "Long Live Bebop".

Citizens Council group dispersed about 4 p. m., 30 minutes after the performance started.

Bureau will be furnished any additional pertinent developments which may occur.

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Date: June 19, 1956
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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A confidential informant of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office of this Bureau, of unknown reliability, has advised that Asa "Ace" Carter, executive secretary of the captioned organization, has prepared a press release in which it is stated that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization.

According to the informant, Carter, on May 23, 1956, indicated he is irritated at Senator Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama. Carter said that Senator Engelhardt and John H. Whitley, president of that organization, have attacked Carter's group as being a violent organization. Carter stated that he knows John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan within recent years and that , who is in charge of the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama, is a member of the Klavern at Tarrant, Alabama.

Carter said if Engelhardt does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press. Carter advised he

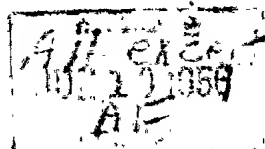
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cc - Assistant Attorney General

William F. Tompkins (sent by Form 66, same date)

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

does not want to issue this statement himself or to have
it come from his organization but that he is "burned up"
about the charges made concerning him and his group when,
as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is
being led by a present and a former member of the Klan.

The above is for your information.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building 2000 B
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURTESY OFFICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: June 6, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

[redacted], of unknown reliability, advised Special Agent [redacted] on May 25, 1956 that ASA "ACE" CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council, has prepared a purported press release which states that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization.

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Informant said he talked to CARTER on May 23, 1956, at which time CARTER indicated that he is irritated at Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama. CARTER said that Senator ENGELHARDT and JOHN H. WHITLEY, Tarrant, President of the Citizens Council of Alabama, have attacked CARTER's group, Alabama Citizens Council, as being a violent organization. CARTER stated that he knows that JOHN H. WHITLEY was a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant within recent years, and that [redacted] is a member of the Klavern at Tarrant, Alabama; that [redacted] is presently in charge of the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

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CARTER said if Senator ENGELHARDT does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press.

The informant stated that CARTER advised that he, CARTER, does not want to issue this statement himself or to have it come from his organization, Alabama Citizens Council.

- 2 Bureau
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To: Director, FBI 6/6/56

Re: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Informant said that CARTER attempted to persuade him, informant, to issue this statement, if it becomes necessary to do so, in the name of a local group in Birmingham, the Anti-Communist League. It is noted that CARTER attempted to organize such an organization about one year ago, and that informant was a member of it. Informant explained to CARTER that he did not wish to become involved in such a press release, inasmuch as he, informant, had been tried in the past for sending obscene material through the mails and wanted to avoid any semblance of trouble.

CARTER indicated to informant that he, CARTER, is just "burned up" about the Citizens Council of Alabama charging him and his group, the Alabama Citizens Council, with violence and being exponents of ruthless behavior when, as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is being led by present and former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Mobile, office of origin in the case entitled "CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA; INTERNAL SECURITY - X."

cc Liaison Section
cc Mr.

*to Mr. Birmingham 6/20/56
subject re: 6/20/56*

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Date: June 8, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the Alabama Citizens Council under the direction of Asa "Ace" Carter plans to picket a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations at 7:30 p.m., June 12, 1956. This meeting will be held at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Auditorium.

The Alabama Council on Human Relations is an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, an organization active in the South which attempts to develop a harmonious relationship between the white and Negro races through education.

Information concerning Asa Carter is contained in the report of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated April 24, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, a copy of which was furnished to the agencies receiving copies of this communication as an enclosure to my letter dated May 10, 1956, captioned as above.

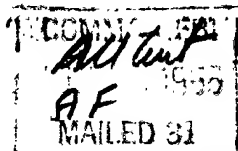
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2cc SAC, Birmingham (See note page 2) (105-364)

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cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins (By 10-6,
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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

cc Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION SAC, BIRMINGHAM:

Reur airtel dated June 5, 1956, captioned
"Racon."

You should advise the Bureau promptly of any
pertinent information developed by your office as a result
of the contemplated picketing of the meeting of the Alabama
Council on Human Relations on June 12, 1956, by the Alabama
Citizens Council.

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Date: 6/5/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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From SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

To: Director, FBI

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According to confidential informant [redacted] the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL headed by ASA "ACE" CARTER, plans to picket meeting of ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, a pro-integration movement, on June 12th at 7:30 P.M. ACHR meets Birmingham Chamber of Commerce auditorium second Tuesday in each month. ACHR is an affiliate of SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. BH will cover through informants and the Bureau will be kept advised.

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Mr. Belmont

MR. BELMONT
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Synopsis:

26 local Citizens Councils in Birmingham area believed affiliated at present with captioned group. ASA "ACE" CARTER, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council, allegedly visited in Detroit, Mich., 5-3-56 for purpose of organizing Citizens Council. Captioned organization picketed a "rock and roll" music performance at Birmingham City Auditorium, 5-20-56. Confidential informant advises CARTER may issue a press release alleging that the Citizens Council of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Ala., has officials who are members of the Ku Klux Klan. Captioned group continues publication of "The Southerner," a pro-segregation magazine.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

According to information in "The Southerner", a pro-segregation magazine published by Alabama Citizens Council, in its issue for May 1956, Alabama Citizens Council represents over fifty organized Citizens Councils in Alabama, with membership of approximately 40,000. The names and locations of the Councils were not set forth in "The Southerner." Information received by this Bureau indicates that 26 Councils are currently affiliated with captioned organization in the Birmingham area, as follows:

Anniston
Ashville
Blount County
Brighton
Calera
Corner
Crumley's Chapel
East Birmingham
Gadsden
Gardendale
Holt
Hueytown
Leeds
McNeil
Miner Heights
Morgan and Greenwood
McCalla
McDonalds Chapel
North Highlands
North Side
Oxford
Pell City
Pleasant Grove
Pratt City
Warrior
West Central Park

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to furnish correct information, advised on May 9, 1956 that ASA "ACE" CARTER, Executive Secretary of Alabama Citizens Council,

accompanied by [redacted], went to Detroit, Michigan approximately May 3, 1956 for the purpose of organizing a Citizens Council there. T-1 said that after [redacted] returned to Birmingham, ACE CARTER stated that a Citizens Council had been organized in Detroit, and that he hoped to obtain 50,000 members.

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In the May issue of "The Southerner," CARTER relates the details of his trip to Detroit in an article captioned "Councils Move Toward National Scope." This article stated that ACE CARTER, Executive Secretary of Alabama Citizens Council, had been invited to Detroit to assist in setting up a Citizens Council movement; that he held a series of three meetings and organized a board of directors, elected a secretary-treasurer, a vice chairman and a chairman of the Michigan White Citizens Councils, a state body. A portion of this article is as follows:

"Negroes have moved into practically every neighborhood of the white workers in Detroit. Little white girls playing on the sidewalks are subjected to the bullying and fondling of black boys. Carter talked to a worker, an employee of an automobile factory, who spoke in low tense tones as he told of Negroes' practice of ganging around every white woman who came to work in the factory, making vulgar proposals, placing their hands upon them and roaring in laughter over filthy jokes the white women were forced to hear. The worker's hands clenched and unclenched and white lines showed tightly around his mouth as he related every black male's demand that a white woman be placed as a partner with him on the work benches. The Negroes' demands are met, because to refuse is "discrimination," a crime by law of the State of Michigan. While the worker talked, other men nodded their heads in silent assent of the truth of the statements and their experience of the same.

"The white worker in Detroit has lost his freedom. He talks in whispers. He seldom attends

a movie, 'Because I'll not subject my family to the obscene talk of the Negroes attending.' He has lost control of his government. He has reached his back-to-the-wall position by allowing the politician to control him, as the politico adheres to the constant pressure group of Communists and Negroes. Step by step he has moved back, always not wanting trouble, giving just a little more. A constant retreat in defensiveness, until today he has no place to go and nowhere to run.

"One Negro apprehended for slaying a 64 year old white woman and raping her as she died testified that he was a member of a pack of Negroes who roam the streets at night searching for white women to assault. He testified that he alone had raped at least two hundred white women. Thus have Michigan white people been gradually controlled and moved back, piece by piece, bit by bit by the politician; pressured and controlled by the leftist integrationists. Thus they have given up their rights and have evaded the issue, until now the Negro demands their wives and their daughters. They are late in organizing, but the organization must be a success.

"The white people of Alabama in the Alabama Citizens Council will be afforded the advantages and privilege of helping the white people of Michigan and in receiving help; a mutual banding together for a cause just and righteous."

The Birmingham Post-Herald, a daily newspaper, on May 21, 1956 published an article indicating that the Alabama Citizens Council, under the leadership of ASA CARTER, picketed a "rock and roll" musical performance at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium on May 20, 1956. This article stated that a group of 50 to 60 pickets carried printed placards reading, "Down With Be-Bop," "Christians Will Not Attend This Show," and "Ask Your Preacher About

Jungle Music." According to this article, most of the performers were Negroes, with the exception of musician Bill Haley and two of the bands. Birmingham Police Commissioner Robert Lindbergh was quoted as saying that the picketing demonstration was sponsored by the Alabama Citizens Council, headed by ASA CARTER. The article also stated that the Citizens Council pickets were picketed by young "rock and roll" lovers; that a group of about twelve teen-age boys carried crude homemade signs reading, "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," and "Three Cheers for Bill Haley."

Confidential Informant T-1, above mentioned, advised on May 25, 1956 that ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of Alabama Citizens Council, "has prepared a press release which states that Ku Klux Klan members are in positions of leadership in the Citizens Council of Alabama organization. T-1 said that CARTER indicated that he is irritated at Senator Sam Engelhardt of Macon County, Alabama, one of the leaders of the Citizens Council of Alabama organization. CARTER told informant that Senator Engelhardt and John H. Whitley, Tarrant, Alabama druggist and president of the Citizens Council of Alabama, have attacked his, CARTER's, group, Alabama Citizens Council, as being a violent organization. CARTER stated that he knows that John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama within recent years, and that [redacted] is a member of the Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama at the present time; that [redacted] is presently in charge of the Birmingham office of the Citizens Council of Alabama at the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham. CARTER told T-1 that if Senator Engelhardt does not cease attacking him and his organization he intends to release the above information to the press.

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T-1 stated that CARTER advised that he, CARTER, does not want to issue this statement himself or to have it come from his organization, Alabama Citizens Council. T-1 said that CARTER attempted to persuade him to issue this statement if it becomes necessary to do so in the name of a local group in Birmingham, the Anti-Communist League. It is noted that CARTER attempted to

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organize such an organization about one year ago, and that T-1 was a member of it. T-1 explained to CARTER that he did not wish to become involved in such a press release. CARTER stated to T-1 that he is just "burned up" about the Citizens Council of Alabama charging him and his group, the Alabama Citizens Council, with violence and being exponents of ruthless behavior when, as a matter of fact, the Citizens Council of Alabama is being led by present and former members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Confidential Informant T-1, who has some knowledge of Ku Klux Klan activity in the Birmingham area, advised on May 25, 1956 that he knows [redacted] to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan at Tarrant, Alabama, and that he has often heard that Dr. John H. Whitley was a member of the Ku Klux Klan in Tarrant as late as 1951.

The Ku Klux Klan has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The latest issue of "The Southerner," issued in May 1956, carries a front page article concerning JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY, soldier in the Confederate Army. Page two is the editorial page, and contains photographs of ACE CARTER, editor, and [redacted]. The editorial by ACE CARTER in this issue attacks the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a pamphlet distributed, according to CARTER, by the NAACP. The pamphlet is entitled, "There Are Things to Do," and is allegedly a reprint from a publication called, "South Today," by [redacted].

On page two is an article entitled, "North Alabama Citizens Councils Are Doing a Good Job." This article relates that the Alabama Citizens Council was successful in preventing an integrated Boy Scout meeting at the Birmingham Fair Grounds in April 1956, helped abolish the Interracial Committee of the Jefferson County Coordinating Council of Social Forces, and worked against the election of Governor James E. Folsom as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

Page four contains a comparison of the records of the two Citizens Council movements in Alabama, the Alabama Citizens Council and the Citizens Council of Alabama, of which Senator Sam Engelhardt and John H. Whitley are leading officials. *Ali*

Page 1-A contains the article referred to above concerning CARTER's visit to Detroit, Michigan, allegedly to organize a Citizens Council in that city. Another article on this page quotes former Supreme Court Justice James F. Byrnes as stating that the Supreme Court "must be curbed" because of its school segregation decision and other moves which "tend to destroy the power of the forty-eight states." Byrnes is further reported as saying, "Power intoxicates men. It is never voluntarily surrendered. It must be taken from them. The Supreme Court must be curbed."

On page 2-A, General Mark W. Clark, former Supreme Commander of United Nations Forces in the Far East, was quoted as stating that he was opposed to integration of white and Negro troops "from the military point of view," when the government adopted the policy in 1950. He was further quoted as saying, "I did not feel that we should integrate then, and I don't think so now. The worst division I had was a Negro division. The Negroes could not be relied on. They bolted and ran from the enemy."

Page 2-A also contains an article entitled "Rogue's Gallery," which states, "Here are the names of the now defunct Interracial Committee. Watch for them for they will probably appear in another mongrelizing mob under another title."

Page 2-A also contains two photographs of Negro men and white women. Underneath one of the photographs is, "Rock and Roll Idol."

On Page 3-A is a photograph of a Negro soldier dancing with a white girl.

On Page 4-A are photographs and an article on Nat King Cole. One of the photographs shows Cole having

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his shoes shined by a white individual. Underneath this photograph are the words, "Cole and his Shoeshine Boy." The other photograph shows a Negro man surrounded by what appears to be teen-age white girls. Underneath this photograph are the words, "Cole and Your Daughter." An excerpt from the article on Nat King Cole is as follows:

"The much publicized attack upon Negro crooner Nat King Cole in Birmingham, Alabama early this month has served to focus the country's attention upon a serious national problem. This is the degenerate influence of Negroidal jazz musicians upon our impressionable American youth. In the North, particularly, the glorified Negro musician has become a veritable Pied Piper, surrounded by swarms of screaming, squealing, swooning teen-age adolescents, and fawned upon by hordes of thrill-seeking white women. The growing vogue for Negro musicians is no accident, but has been assiduously cultivated by the Communist-leaning-one-worlders who own, control and dominate our entertainment industry, including the recording business. Through their efforts our teen-age youngsters, the so-called juke box set, have been so thoroughly saturated with Africanized music that most of them have come to look upon it as the accepted standard. Even the white musicians and singers are aiding and copying Negroidal styles."

The above quoted excerpt, according to "The Southerner," was taken from "The American California Press."

Page six contains an article entitled, "Nat King Cole," and displays a photograph of Nat King Cole with a white woman on each side of him. The picture is described as, "Cole and his White Women." Portions of this article are as follows:

"On the night that Negro singer Nat King Cole played to an all-white audience in Birmingham he was riding the crest of a popularity wave

exceeded by few singers. A lead man in Negro jargon for the countless pack of less polished animalistic Negro entertainers who have rabled through the door opened for them by Nat King Cole to a position of dominance over the white teen-age children. Cole, over a period of years, has been groomed for his position; one in which the white youth, preferably the girl, may, with social approval, admire and idolize, worship and openly adore a Negro singer. Only a short step then from the sly night club technique vulgarity of Cole to the openly animalistic obscenity of the horde of Negro rock-and-rollers.

"The Communist is a master psychologist, and his method of enticing the Anglo Saxon to the degenerate level with the Negro for the purpose of integration is one of the greatest dangers to our race. The late Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stated before his death that the Negro music was a wonderful race leveler. He was and is correct. If the white youth is permitted to adopt the Negroid music with its animalism, its degenerate philosophy, its practiced expression of the Communist theory that sex has nothing of the spiritual about it but is in human, as in animal, purely biological; when the white youth, through a medium, begins to think as a Negro, to talk as a Negro, to accept the Negro's moral standard and his culture, to idolize Negro performers, then the white youth is on the level with the Negroid race and integration is already accomplished in the mind and spirit. The physical implementation is a mere formality."

"The significance of Cole in the picture is the acceptance, first by the white adults of Cole's position before them, the acceptance of his eye-winking style of slyness at morality, and his injection of Negroid leadership and dominance

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over them. As they have snickered behind their hands and attempted such performances, they have not gone unobserved, not by their children. The youth accepts the Negro's dominance and demands the immorality in a brasher form. The Negro is happy to comply. The white adult has no argument. He has already compromised himself, and so he accepts the degeneracy of his white children and excuses himself with a shrug of the shoulders."

Page eight of "The Southerner" for May 1956 contains a photograph showing Negro soldiers kissing and embracing white women. Underneath this photograph are the words, "This in Alabama. Story Inside." "The Southerner" explains that this photograph was made at Fort McClellan, near Anniston, Alabama, and states that the February issue of "The Southerner" carried pictures made at Fort McClellan which showed the whites and Negroes mixing, and an observation that the conditions there were growing steadily worse.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

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THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will follow and report activity of the Alabama Citizens Council.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will follow and report the organization of any Citizens Council organized in the Detroit territory.

THE MOBILE DIVISION (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information, inasmuch as it contains references to the Citizens Council of Alabama which has headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY dated 4-24-56 at Birmingham.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

105-45763

Date: June 21, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.
Attention: Chief, Security Division

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 8, 1956, in which you were advised of plans on the part of the captioned organization to picket a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations on June 12, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama.

For your information a confidential informant of the Birmingham Office of this Bureau who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 13, 1956, that the meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations was not picketed on June 12, 1956.

cc Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Temple A
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

cc Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
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Date: September 7, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated August 28, 1956, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning a rally held by the Klan at Midfield, Alabama, on August 24, 1956.

At this meeting one of the speakers was introduced as "Mr. X." This speaker was later identified as Asa Carter, executive secretary of the captioned organization, who admitted having been a member of the Klan in Alabama for several years.

Enclosure

cc Director of Special Investigations (w/Enclosure)
The Inspector General

Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E

4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
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cc Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

(w/Enclosure)

cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins 12/11/56

(By Form 0-6, same date)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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August 28, 1956

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL

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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the "Ku Klux Klan," advised on August 27, 1956, that a public rally of the "Ku Klux Klan" was held at Midfield, Alabama, on the night of August 24, 1956. It is noted that Midfield is halfway between Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama.

Birmingham T-1 said that there were approximately 500 people present at the rally and that approximately 200 to 250 robed Klansmen participated. Birmingham T-1 said there were several Klansmen present from Atlanta, Georgia, stating that most of the Klansmen came from the Birmingham area, particularly from Industrial City Klan No. 31, Ensley, Alabama. T-1 said [redacted] and [redacted], both prominent Klansmen from Atlanta, Georgia, made speeches and that a Reverend [redacted], a local minister whose first name is unknown to informant, addressed the gathering. Birmingham T-1 said one of the speakers was introduced as a "Mr. X". T-1 stated he ascertained from another Klansman present that "Mr. X" was ASA E. "ACE" CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama. T-1 said that acting upon this information, he subsequently approached the individual introduced as "Mr. X" and addressed him as "Mr. CARTER." He said CARTER acknowledged the salutation and stated that he was a member of the "Ku Klux Klan" in Alabama and had been for several years. Informant T-1 was not positive as to the name of the town where CARTER is a member, but believes it is Cullman, Alabama. CARTER said that he was considering transferring his membership in the Klan to a Birmingham klavern. T-1 said CARTER made a strong speech in favor of segregation, and stated that CARTER is a very fluent and effective speaker, in his opinion.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: August 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached is a blank memorandum with five copies to the Bureau and one copy to Atlanta setting forth information regarding the Ku Klux Klan and ASA E. CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council. Birmingham T-1 in instant memorandum is PSI [redacted]; T-2 is PSI [redacted] and T-3 is [redacted] Midfield, Alabama.

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One copy of this memorandum is being furnished Atlanta for information inasmuch as [redacted] and [redacted] officials of the U. S. Klans of Georgia, spoke at the Midfield rally.

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RE: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL

August 28, 1956

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the Tarrant City "Ku Klux Klan," advised on August 27, 1956, that he attended a "Ku Klux Klan" rally at Midfield, Alabama. T-2 stated he is positive that the man who was introduced as "Mr. X" at the Midfield meeting is actually ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council. Birmingham T-2 said this individual had large, dark-colored glasses and a "Ku Klux Klan" cap on his head, and that he, T-2, could not see enough of his face to identify him by his appearance, however, he stated that he has heard CARTER speak many times at various segregation rallies in the past and he is positive that "Mr. X" is identical with CARTER.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 27, 1956, that he ascertained through a member of the "Ku Klux Klan" that the "Mr. X" who spoke in the robes of a Klansman at the Midfield rally is identical with ASA E. CARTER.

Birmingham T-1, mentioned above, advised that the Midfield rally created quite a bit of interest and that the Alabama Highway Patrol had to direct traffic on the Bessemer Super Highway to prevent congestion. T-1 said no trouble or disturbance of any kind was encountered during this rally. Birmingham T-1 said he also ascertained that several Klansmen were present at this rally from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Warrior, Alabama, and from Tarrant City, Alabama. T-1 further advised that on Sunday, August 26, 1956, several members of Industrial City Klavern No. 31 visited a church at Calera, Alabama. T-1 said information had been received by Klavern No. 31 that the minister at this church in Calera had been preaching in favor of integration of the races.

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Attached ^{on} 2 copies of August issues "The Southerner".
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Date: August 24, 1956

To: SAC, Birmingham (# 105-364)

From: Director, FBI (# 105-45763-)
Attention: Central Research Section

Subject: Alabama Citizens Council
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Publication "The Southerner"

- () Advise Bureau re status of subscription.
- () Not necessary to forward issues listed below:
- () Forward following issues by routing slip:

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July 1956, #5

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Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 9/12/56	Investigative Period 8/3/56; 7/6,10;8/20,27;9/4/56
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL		Report made by CHARLES B. STANBERY	Typed By: MFL
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X	

Synopsis:

ASA EARL CARTER, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council, spoke at a U. S. Klan rally on 8-24-56, at Midfield, Ala., in support of segregation of the races. CARTER was dressed in Klan robe and was introduced as "Mr. X." Confidential source advised CARTER stated he, CARTER, is currently a member of the U. S. Klans of Alabama. CARTER spoke at "anti-Negro" rally at Clinton, Tenn., 8-31-56, according to Birmingham newspaper. According to "Birmingham News", the Clinton High School had accepted 12 Negro students and integration of the school was being attempted.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to show Klan infiltration into the Alabama Citizens Council, inasmuch as information has been received that ASA EARL CARTER, Executive Secretary of captioned group, spoke at a U. S. Klan

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rally on August 24, 1956, at Midfield, Alabama, dressed in a Klan robe.

The Ku Klux Klan has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the U. S. Klans of Alabama, advised on August 27, 1956, that a public rally of the Klan was held at Midfield, Alabama, on the night of August 24, 1956. It is noted that Midfield is half-way between Bessemer and Birmingham, Alabama. T-1 said there were approximately 500 people present at the rally and approximately 200 to 250 robed Klansmen participated. T-1 said one of the speakers was introduced as "Mr. X". He said he learned from another Klansman present that "Mr. X" was ASA E. CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama. T-1 said that acting upon this information, he subsequently approached the individual introduced as "Mr. X" and addressed him as "Mr. CARTER." He said CARTER acknowledged the salutation and stated he is presently a member of the Klan in Alabama, and has been a member for several years. T-1 did not understand the name of the town in Alabama where CARTER said that he is a member of the Klan. CARTER told T-1 that he, CARTER, is considering transferring his membership in the Klan to a Birmingham Klavern. T-1 said CARTER made a strong speech in favor of segregation and added that CARTER is a very fluent and effective speaker.

~~ASA E. CARTER~~
Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is a member of the Tarrant City Klan, advised on August 27, 1956, that he attended a Klan rally at Midfield, Alabama on August 24, 1956. He said he is positive that the man who was introduced as "Mr. X" at the Midfield meeting of the U. S. Klans is actually ASA E. CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council. T-2 said this individual had large, dark-colored glasses, and a Klan hood on his head, and that he, T-2, could not see enough of his face to identify him by his appearance. However, he stated he had heard CARTER speak many times at various segregation rallies in the past and he is positive that "Mr. X" is identical with ASA CARTER.

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On July 10, 1956, [redacted], member of the Tarrant City Citizens Council, voluntarily advised that to the best of his knowledge the following councils are affiliated with the Alabama Citizens Council, of which ASA CARTER is Executive Secretary:

Woodlawn Citizens Council
Warrior Citizens Council
Corner Citizens Council
East Lake Citizens Council
Anniston Citizens Council
Central Park Citizens Council

[redacted] stated these may not be all the councils affiliated with ASA CARTER and captioned group, but in his opinion captioned group has lost several councils which have affiliated with the Citizens Council of Alabama with headquarters in Montgomery. [redacted] stated that the Tarrant City Citizens Council is affiliated with the latter group.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 6, 1956, that he has heard that ASA CARTER was in the U. S. Navy during World War II. T-3 said CARTER was employed at a radio station in Yazoo City, Mississippi, date unknown, and was subsequently employed by a radio station at Anniston, Alabama.

The "Birmingham News", a daily newspaper, published an article on September 1, 1956, entitled "Segregationist Mob Attacks Cars in Clinton." The story was attributed to the Associated Press, was datelined Clinton, Tennessee, September 1, 1956, and said, among other things, "The mob had been fired to fever pitch early in the evening after ASA CARTER, head of the North Alabama Citizens Council, arrived from Birmingham and loosed a tirade against integration, the United States Supreme Court, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but nobody moved to stop him immediately as they had against JOHN KASPER, 26-year-old segregation exponent from Washington, D. C...." The article

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continued, "CARTER, who spoke to a crowd estimated by police at more than 1,000, at Anderson County (Tennessee) Courthouse lawn, said his purpose in coming here--and apparently he fulfilled it--was to organize an anti-integration White Citizens Council. After he spoke to applause and cheers (there were no boos) the crowd lined up at the side of the courthouse to sign up as members."

In connection with the above mentioned article, the "Birmingham News" published an Associated Press wirephoto with the following caption, "Mob Rushes Carload of Negro Tourists in Clinton, Tennessee, where High School has Integrated. Unruly Crowd Fired to New Frenzy by Speech of ASA CARTER, Alabama White Citizens Council Leader."

The "Birmingham News" indicated that the Clinton, Tennessee High School had accepted 12 Negro students for enrollment and that integration of the high school was underway.

According to an article in the "Birmingham Post-Herald," a daily newspaper, for July 13, 1956, ASA CARTER sued the Montgomery, Alabama "Advertiser" for \$150,000.00. The article stated: "CARTER alleged in the suit that an editorial carried in the morning daily caused him to suffer great mental anguish and damage to his character when it referred to him as a loathsome Fuehrer as a Citizens Council leader. The term 'Fuehrer', the suit complained, compared CARTER to the Nazi dictator, ADOLF HITLER."

On August 3, 1956, State Senator SAM ~~ENGELHARDT~~, Montgomery, Alabama, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, advised that ASA EARL CARTER was born near Denver, Colorado and attended the University of Colorado. He was employed as an announcer and later program manager at a radio station near Denver before coming to Birmingham in 1952. ENGELHARDT said CARTER became associated with a so-called "States Rights Movement" called the Thomas Jefferson League. This group held a number of meetings at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Birmingham, in 1953, and early 1954, before it was denied space by the County Commission on the grounds that it was "too political", according to

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ENGELHARDT. On April 2, 1956, CARTER made application to register as a voter in Jefferson County, ENGELHARDT said, and stated in his sworn affidavit that he had never been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, had never belonged to any Communist group and had never advocated the overthrow of the government. ENGELHARDT said he declined to permit his fingerprints to be taken and as a consequence, was not permitted to register.

ENGELHARDT said he believes there is some connection between Alabama Citizens Councils headed by ASA CARTER, and the National Renaissance Party. He said that in April 1956, JOHN KASPER, owner of a book store in Washington, D. C., visited in Alabama and visited ENGELHARDT for the purpose of enlisting ENGELHARDT's aid in nominating Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, retired, for the U. S. Senate in primary elections of May, 1956. Senator ENGELHARDT said that KASPER, during the month of April 1956, caused to be brought or sent into Alabama 200,000 copies of a publication called "Common Sense" accompanied by a throw-away type of publication captioned "The Coming Red Dictatorship". ENGELHARDT said he believes the latter leaflet was published by the National Renaissance Party. ENGELHARDT said that ASA CARTER visited KASPER in Washington, D. C., sometime during the Spring of 1956, for the purpose of securing his backing in the nomination of Admiral CROMMELIN.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
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T-3: [redacted] [redacted], Reporter, "Birmingham News" (Requested)				BH 105-364-69

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

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THE KNOXVILLE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished Knoxville inasmuch as activity of CARTER at Clinton, Tennessee, concerns that office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

THE MOBILE DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished the Mobile Office for information inasmuch as it contains reference to the Citizens Council of Alabama, which has headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report activity of the Alabama Citizens Council.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham,
dated June 20, 1956.

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SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

September 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-45763)

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO ALABAMA
CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery dated
September 12, 1956.

In rerep on pages 1 and 2 information is set forth showing that Asa Carter spoke at a meeting of the U. S. Klans on August 24, 1956. Immediately thereafter in the report you included a statement to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. There is no organization in existence at the present time known as the Ku Klux Klan and, therefore, in reports submitted in the future it is desired that you show through statements by sources or informants the affiliation between the U. S. Klans of Alabama and the Associated Klans of America which has been designated by the Attorney General and then set forth in the report a statement to the effect that the Associated Klans of America has been so designated.

On page 5 of rerep information is set forth attributed to State Senator Sam Englehardt to the effect that there is a connection between the Alabama Citizens Councils and the National Renaissance Party inasmuch as Englehardt believes the National Renaissance Party publishes "Common Sense," issues of which have been distributed in Alabama.

For your information "Common Sense" is a publication of the Christian Educational Association of Union, New Jersey, and the National Renaissance Party is a New York City organization which publishes the "National Renaissance Bulletin." Although these organizations have similar views they are not affiliated.

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Director, FBI (105-45763)

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rerep of Special Agent Charles B. Stanbery
dated April 24, 1956.

On page 3, last paragraph, line 4 of rerep
anti-Semitic is misspelled. On page 5, paragraph 2,
line 15 the word jeopardize is misspelled.

Bureau copies of rerep have been corrected.
You are instructed to correct your copies accordingly.
It will not be necessary to advise outside agencies
to which copies of this report were disseminated of
these corrections.

These misspelled words are errors of form
and should be handled in accordance with instructions
set forth in SAC Letter 55-21 A3.

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The above-mentioned errors were found by
an Inspector during the September, 1956, inspection.
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Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 11/16/56	Investigative Period 9/14;10/19,29/56
TITLE OF CASE KLAN INFILTRATION INTO - ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL		Report made by CHARLES B. STANBERY	Typed By: MFL
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - X	

Synopsis:

ASA EARL CARTER, Executive Secretary, Alabama Citizens Council, spoke at Charlottesville, Va. on 9-3-56 in favor of segregation. JOHN KASPER, official, Citizens Council of D. C., spoke at Central Park Theatre, Birmingham. headquarters of Alabama Citizens Council on night of 9-13-56. ASA CARTER also spoke on this occasion and both men favored segregation. KASPER and CARTER apparently cooperated in Alabama, but confidential source states they "split up" while KASPER was in Birmingham. On 9-23-56, CARTER was denied use of a public park at Fountain City, Tenn. ASA CARTER has been chief organizer of new militant-type Klan known as Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy. On 10-27-56, CARTER led a group of approximately 35 men in entering the "Order of the Blood", a part of the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy.

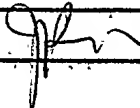
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CARTER SPEAKS AGAINST INTEGRATION AT
VIRGINIA RALLY

The "Birmingham News", a local daily newspaper, for September 4, 1956, carried an article which stated that ASA CARTER spoke to a pro-segregationist audience of about 250 at Charlottesville, Virginia on September 3, 1956. CARTER allegedly said, "It's up to you to stand and see that the Negro is not going to enter your schools." The article described ASA CARTER as Executive Secretary of the North Alabama White Citizens Council. CARTER allegedly said, "We know if Virginia falls, the whole South will be in danger." He said that Alabama and the rest of the South looked to Virginia for leadership in resisting integration. The article quoted CARTER as stating that he was willing to "put his blood on the ground" to avoid integration. A further quote was "They don't build a Federal Government big enough to integrate my children."

ACTIVITY OF ASA CARTER AND JOHN KASPER,
OFFICIAL OF CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who holds a responsible position in Birmingham, advised on September 14, 1956, that ASA CARTER, above mentioned, and JOHN KASPER, official of the White Citizens Council of the District of Columbia, made speeches at a rally at the Central Park Theatre, Birmingham, on the night of September 13, 1956. It is noted that the Central Park Theatre is headquarters for the Alabama Citizens Council, of which ASA EARL CARTER is Executive Secretary. T-1 said KASPER appeared first on the program and made a speech favoring segregation; that approximately four to five hundred persons were present. T-1 said that at the end of the speech, 15 robed and hooded Klansmen appeared and shook hands with KASPER. According to T-1, KASPER said he was deeply honored by the presence of these men and such groups as the Klan "are needed to preserve segregation." T-1 said that JOHN KASPER is in Alabama as the guest of ASA CARTER, above mentioned. T-1 said that ASA CARTER made a speech favoring segregation and he recalls CARTER stating that segregation must be maintained at all cost.

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Informant T-1 said that according to information he received, ASA CARTER and JOHN KASPER, "split up" while KASPER was in Alabama, ostensibly the guest of CARTER.

CARTER SPEAKS IN TENNESSEE

The "Birmingham Post-Herald", a local newspaper, for September 24, 1956, carried an article by the United Press, datelined at Knoxville, Tennessee, September 23, 1956. This article stated that ASA CARTER was denied the use of a public park at Fountain City, a suburb of Knoxville. CARTER allegedly said, while standing on the edge of the highway, that "they are taking away our free speech and treating us like Negroes." The article said that some 75 persons heard CARTER and JOHN KASPER, above mentioned, make sidewalk speeches. Knox County Sheriff PAUL LILLY allegedly told CARTER that he could speak on the sidewalk from the bumper of a car parked near the sidewalk, "as long as you don't block traffic." According to this article, CARTER urged the crowd to organize White Citizens Councils to "get rid of two-bit punk politicians who were being used in the South to put through mongrelization."

CARTER ORGANIZES KU KLUX KLAN OF THE
CONFEDERACY

On October 19, 1956, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised he was invited by ASA E. CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council, to attend a meeting at the Central Park Theatre, Birmingham, on the night of October 18, 1956. T-2 said he arrived at the Central Park Theatre about 7:15 p.m. and the meeting started at approximately 7:30 p.m. T-2 said that ASA CARTER presided at this meeting. According to T-2, CARTER said that it was time to organize a new Klan group based upon the original Klan organization founded by NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST after the Civil War. CARTER said that the new organization would be one of action and not merely a political group. He explained that the new organization would be tentatively known as the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy and that it will have three oaths, one of which will be a "blood oath." According to T-2, CARTER further said that in the near

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future a meeting would be held "in the mountains" where the "blood oath" would be administered by cutting the flesh of every applicant and spilling his blood upon the ground.

T-2 said there were approximately 50 men at the above mentioned meeting; that CARTER extended the invitation to all Klansmen who were members of another Klan organization to join the new group. T-2 said that CARTER informed the crowd that all men who are now members of a Klan group can transfer into the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy without paying any dues, but that after ten days from the date of instant meeting, the initiation fee would be \$10.00. T-2 said that many of the men present at this meeting were unknown to him; that some of them were pretty "rough". T-2 said that everyone present with the exception of three or four individuals appeared to be armed with a revolver. T-2 said he noticed [redacted], a leader in the Anniston Citizens Council and a participant in the attack on singer NAT "KING" COLE several months ago in Birmingham, present at this meeting. T-2 said he also noticed the following individuals present at this meeting whom he knows personally: [redacted], a Klansman from Bessemer, Alabama; [redacted] ASA CARTER; [redacted] member of Klavern No. 15, Tarrant, Alabama, U. S. Klans of Alabama, and a large white man from the Ensley section of Birmingham, who T-2 believes is a Mr. [redacted]. T-2 said that CARTER's new Klan organization will have white robes patterned on the old Klan and that the headdress would be somewhat different from that of present Klan organizations. He said the headdress would be a white helmet with a large spike in the center, similar to the original Ku Klux Klan regalia.

T-2 said he also noticed at this meeting [redacted] of "The Southerner", a magazine published by ASA CARTER and the Alabama Citizens Council. / / /

On October 29, 1956, T-2, above mentioned, advised that he had attended an initiation ceremony of the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy in a rural area near Chalkville, Alabama, on the night of October 27, 1956. T-2 said he recognized ASA CARTER at this initiation ceremony by his general build and by his voice, and that CARTER, as well as

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all of the others present, wore hoods over the face. T-2 said he was initiated into the "Order of the Blood" with 34 other men on this night. He said that ASA CARTER led the ceremony. T-2 said that the principal part of the ceremony was the cutting of the arm of each man with a sharp bayonet. T-2 said each man was handed the bayonet and he was supposed to cut his own arm, but that one or two individuals apparently could not cut themselves and other Klansmen had to do it for them. T-2 said that each man wrote his initials in blood on a piece of paper and then the pieces of paper were thrown into a large bonfire. He said what appeared to be skulls were placed around the edge of the fire. T-2 said there was almost absolute silence during the long initiation ceremony, which lasted until after midnight.

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Re meeting at
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Re initiation KKK
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10-27-56.

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Birmingham, Alabama

Will follow and report activities of subject organization.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CHARLES B. STANBERY, Birmingham,
dated September 12, 1956.

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occupied with organizing a new Klan group in
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CC MR. [REDACTED]

February 18, 1957 Airtel

SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

KLAN INFILTRATION OF THE ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS - X.

ReBulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, captioned
"Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X."

Review of Bufiles fails to reflect communication from
your office closing case on the captioned organization. In the
event this case has not been closed you are instructed to do so
immediately. If communication has been sent closing advise
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Director, FBI (105-45763)

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ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Reurairtel dated February 19, 1957.

Cases on captioned organization and Klan
Infiltration into the Citizens' Councils of Alabama
should be closed and RUCd, respectively.

The submission of the monthly summary of
information concerning citizens councils should be
followed through an administrative tickler.

cc Bufile 105-33955 (Klan Infiltration into the Citizens'
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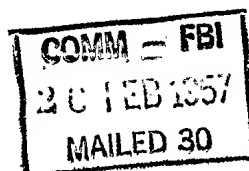
Birmingham advised two citizens council cases
being maintained in a pending status for purpose of
submitting a monthly summary. No investigation is being
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Above captioned file, as well as Birmingham file "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, AKA ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X," BU File 105-33955, BH file 105-272, have been maintained in a pending status for administrative purposes and the submission of the monthly letter on Citizens Councils. If this is not in accord with Bureau desires, please advise.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 2-28-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION OF THE
ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Rebulet 2-26-57.

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, instant file is being closed in Birmingham Office. Submission of the monthly summary of information will be handled by administrative tickler.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 2-28-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

5-1 to Birmingham 3/21/57 requesting the
Nov. 1956, Dec. 1956, Jan. 1957, Feb. 1957 issues
of "The Southerner" Annals.

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Rebulet, 2-26-57, captioned "Klan Infiltration
of the Alabama Citizens Council; Internal Security - X".

In accordance with instructions in referenced
letter, instant file is being RUC'd in Birmingham Office.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: March 27, 1957

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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Re Bureau form 5-1, dated 3/21/57.

[] has advised that ASA CARTER has ceased publication
of "The Southerner".b2
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TO : Director, FBI (105-45763)

DATE: 4-10-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning certain leaflets allegedly distributed by the Tarrant Educational Citizens Council, 5341 - 57th Street North, Birmingham. These leaflets were received on April 1, 1958, by mail from [redacted] Birmingham 5, Alabama, who is Confidential Informant T-1 in instant letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed also for the information of the Bureau is the leaflet received from this source entitled "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration."

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
April 10, 1958

ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS

On April 1, 1958, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability, furnished a leaflet captioned "Reds to Back NAACP." This leaflet praises the American Legion and its publication, "The Firing Line". It mentions that this publication, "The Firing Line," brings facts before the public's attention that newspapers often overlook or do not receive. The leaflet cites the issue of March 15th and states this issue contains interesting passages on relationship of the Communist Party of the United States to the many Communist front enterprises which play so vital a role in its attack on society. This leaflet indicates that the Communist Party intends to penetrate such "liberal-socialist" organizations as the NAACP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE).

Informant T-1 furnished a four-page leaflet allegedly published by the National Citizens Protective Association, 3154a South Grand or P. O. Box 156, St. Louis, Missouri. This four-page leaflet concerned Uniform Crime Reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was headed, "FBI Reveals Menace of Integration - Negro Crime Increases." An opening paragraph read:

"The following figures on negro crime were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 1,861,764 arrests in 1,477 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,792,800 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1955 of White and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the "White Sentinel."

It is noted that this four-page leaflet further identifies the "White Sentinel" as follows: "For further

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RE: ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCILS

information on the menace of racial integration, read 'The White Sentinel' and the 'White American News Service' each month. Subscription rates are \$2.00 a year. The 'White American News Service' is sent free of charge to all 'White Sentinel' subscribers." Other topics in this leaflet are: "Arrests by Race, 1956, as Reported by The FBI;" "24% Increase in Negro Crime During 1956;" and "Negro Crime Explodes Racial Equality Myth."

T-1 also furnished a one-page leaflet allegedly published by the Association of Citizens Councils, 207 West Market Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, entitled "Venereal Disease Infections by State and Race". This leaflet sets forth the venereal disease infections according to white and Negro infections and the percentages. It also treats illegitimate births in various states in the same manner.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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From SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

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Arrests by Race, 1956, as Reported by The FBI

74% arrested for gambling were negroes
 68% arrested for aggravated assault were negroes
 66% arrested for murder were negroes
 61% arrested for dope violations were negroes
 53% arrested for possession of weapons were negroes
 52% arrested for robbery were negroes
 48% arrested for prostitution and vice were negroes
 46% arrested for all other assaults were negroes
 45% arrested for rape were negroes
 42% arrested for liquor violations were negroes
 41% arrested for receiving stolen property were negroes
 41% arrested for disorderly conduct were negroes
 37% arrested for suspicion were negroes
 33% arrested for offenses against family were negroes
 31% arrested for larceny were negroes
 31% arrested for all other offenses were negroes
 30% arrested for burglaries were negroes
 30% arrested for all other sex offenses were negroes
 27% arrested for vagrancy were negroes
 24% arrested for drunkenness were negroes
 23% arrested for manslaughter by negligence were negroes
 22% arrested for auto theft were negroes
 19% arrested for embezzlement and fraud were negroes
 17% arrested for drunken driving were negroes
 15% arrested for forgery and counterfeiting were negroes

NEGRO CRIME EXPLODES RACIAL EQUALITY MYTH

For years the egg-heads, do-gooders, 'liberals' and Communists have told America all that was needed to make a negro 'equal' to a White man was to give him integration, education and jobs. The negro has more integration, more and better education and jobs than ever before, yet he committed 24% more crime than ever before. The more and better education and jobs the White man gives the negro, the more murder, rapes, assaults, robberies, dope, prostitution and vice he indulges in.

This fact is so obvious that even the race-mixers have changed their tune. Since every negro has the opportunity to go to school and get a job, and yet is still not 'equal,' the race-mixers now concentrate on integration and 'civil rights' laws against alleged 'discrimination' of negroes. The reason the negro still isn't 'equal' and actually is getting worse, is that he hasn't been totally integrated into White society and is being 'discriminated against.' The alarming negro crime increase is directly attributable to the propaganda for racial equality, integration, civil rights laws being spread by politicians, press and clergymen. They tell the negro the reason he still isn't as intelligent and successful as, or 'equal' to, the Whites is because he is being 'discriminated against.' This incites and inflames him to hatred and violence and enables him to blame all his sins and shortcomings on the White man. If integration were the answer, then open all the prisons, integrate the inmates into White society and they too would become 'equal' with self-respecting, law-abiding Whites. Segregation is the answer and is needed nationally. The negro has proven by his actions that he is not fit to be integrated with the White man.

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National Citizens Protective Association
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FBI Reveals Menace of Integration

NEGRO CRIME INCREASES

The following figures on negro crime were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 1,861,764 arrests in 1,477 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,792,800 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1955 of White and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the *White Sentinel*.

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Arrests by Race, 1955, as Reported by The FBI

74% arrested for gambling were negroes
 64% arrested for dope violations were negroes
 64% arrested for aggravated assault were negroes
 60% arrested for murder were negroes
 59% arrested for prostitution and vice were negroes
 54% arrested for possession of weapons were negroes
 51% arrested for robbery were negroes
 44% arrested for all other assaults were negroes
 43% arrested for rape were negroes
 43% arrested for liquor violations were negroes
 35% arrested for receiving stolen property were negroes
 34% arrested for disorderly conduct were negroes
 32% arrested for larceny were negroes
 32% arrested for suspicion were negroes
 32% arrested for offenses against family were negroes
 29% arrested for burglaries were negroes
 27% arrested for all other sex offenses were negroes
 22% arrested for vagrancy were negroes
 22% arrested for embezzlement and fraud were negroes
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 15% arrested for forgery and counterfeiting were negroes

NEGROES LESS THAN 10% OF TOTAL POPULATION

The 1950 census reported negroes comprised less than 10% of the population of the United States, yet in every category the negro commits far in excess of 10% of the crimes. Not one newspaper or magazine in the country has carried the above information and every attempt has been made to suppress the facts on negro crime. Although these figures are supposed to be 'public,' repeated letters to the FBI requesting a copy of its Annual Bulletin failed to elicit even a reply. It was necessary to appeal to Senator James O. Eastland in order to secure a copy. With propaganda for integration and race-mixing deluging the country, the above figures should be made known to every White person in America.

The crime statistics, high venereal disease rates, the consistently subnormal averages on all intelligence and aptitude tests of the negro explode the myth of 'racial equality.' Integration with the negro can only result in lowering the mental, moral and physical standards of our country. The racial integration being promoted by pulpit, press and politicians is a crime against both God and man.

For further information on the menace of racial integration, read *The White Sentinel* and the *White American News Service* each month. Subscription rates are \$2.00 a year. The *White American News Service* is sent free of charge to all *White Sentinel* subscribers.

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24% INCREASE IN NEGRO

CRIME DURING 1956

The following figures on negro crime committed during 1956 were taken from the Annual Bulletin of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, Director. The figures are based on 2,070,794 arrests in 1,551 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population comprising a total of 41,919,052 people. The figures are based on arrests made during 1956 of Whites and negroes and do not include Indians, Orientals, Filipinos and non-White Mexicans. Only 350 Orientals were reported as charged with crimes. Ninety percent of Indians arrested were charged with offenses involving liquor and/or disorderly conduct. The 634,022 negroes arrested in the above mentioned 1,551 cities and towns represented a 24% increase over the FBI's 1955 figures. White arrests increased only 6%. The FBI's numerical figures were broken down into percentages by the National Citizens Protective Association.

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